

Feb 7-1960

A Meeting of Ministry and Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held 2nd Mo - 7th - 1960

The Quieres have been read with time given for their consideration.

It has been suggested that we should endeavor to have the Quieres read in part or full in the morning worship service on the Sunday before our monthly meeting; This has been a custom in the past and it is felt that this custom should continue.

The ^{Bible School} has requested our cooperation in any way possible in ways to strengthen this unit of our meeting.

Once again we have been asked to consider writing those whom we feel might be interested in becoming members of our society. The name of Ann deMeyers has again been considered. It is suggested that Robert Cool be asked to contact her in the near future, in regard to this matter. Mrs. Fourniers name is also considered at this time for future reference.

We as elders are urged to encourage those in our membership who do not regularly attend our meetings for worship and business to carefully consider this part of their Christian duty to their church.

The following representatives are appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Council to be held in Worcester, 4th month, 29th 1960
Bessie Ewen, Metita Fisher, Russell Ross, Ruth Smith and others who might attend.

It is suggested that we constantly keep in mind the matter of programming our morning worship service, that it does not become rigidly set up in form.

There being no further business we conclude,

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

July 18-1960

A meeting of Ministry and Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held 7th mo, 18th - 1960

The queries are read and considered.

We appoint the following representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting Session of MTC To be held at 10 AM at the South Weybridge Meeting House, on 7th Dec, 30th. 1960.

Russell Ross, Leona Ewen, Grace Mc Namara, Milita Fisher, Etta Pendleton and others who might be present.

A letter has been received from Robert Cowl requesting permission to transfer his membership from the Providence Meeting To the Smithfield Monthly Meeting. We are united in granting his request.

We are requested to consider the matter of supply ministers for our worship service during the month of August. We are united in asking Mr Errol John of Providence to bring the message for the first three Sundays in August and inviting Ralph and Jane Cook to bring the message for the fourth Sunday. The Clerk is requested to make the necessary arrangements.

Due to the holiday weekend

the 15th week in Sept, it is
felt that the next meeting
of Ministry and Council should
be held the second Sunday
in Sept, at 3 P.M.

A concern by Nellie Fisher
that we might consider the possibility
of securing a suitable sign for
the meeting house grounds, is dis-
cussed and the Clerk is requested
to look further into this matter
in the near future.

Our business being accomplished
we conclude in favor of
Lloyd C. Arnold
Clerk

July 29-1960

At a meeting held 2nd month
29th 1960 of the M + C. of the
Southfield Monthly Meeting of
Friends the following business
was recorded and considered:

The application of Ann Mary
de Nevers for membership in
our meeting was read and
we were united in granting.

her request, and referred the matter to the Monthly Meeting for their consideration and approval.

The Clerk reports that the necessary arrangements for supply ministers for the month of August have been completed.

There being no further business to consider

We conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

Sept. 12 - 1960

A meeting of the Ministry and Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held 9th mo, 12th - 1960

We approve the reading of the last meeting minutes.

Following the reading of the Queries a period of silence was observed.

Appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting of M+C

which will be held in Worscett
on 10th Mo, - 15th 1960 are the
following members

Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen,
Etta Rendleton, Lester Taber,
Russell Ross, Robert Cool.

We are happy to report that
the following associate members
have expressed a desire to become
active members in our meeting
Priscilla Tollett, Terry Smith
Kevin Smith, Caroline Smith
Eleanor Smith.

We are united in approving
and recommending the names
of these young people to
Monthly Meeting for their
consideration and approval of
their desire to become active
members of our meeting.

We regret that it is necessary
to recommend to Monthly Meeting
that the names of Russell Mowry,
Kenneth Cook and Richard Cook
be dropped from the roll of mem-
bership because of their disinterest
in the meeting.

Our business being accomplished
we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Pres.

April 4-1961

Ministry and Council of the N
Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends
is held 4th mo. 4th, 1961.

The Quieres are read and considered.

This being the meeting to appoint
representation to Quarterly Meeting
of MTC Council which will be
held in Worcester, 4th mo, 2nd
we appoint the following to
serve as representatives:

Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen, Russell
Ross, Lester Taber, Etta Pendleton
and others who might be in
attendance.

A Letter referring to the Beacon
Hill Plan, requesting appointing
a representative from Smithfield
Local Meeting has been read,
but due to the distance which
must be traveled it is felt that
active participation would not
be advisable.

In view of the fact that
Shirley Worrall is now residing
near Beacon Hill we are united
in recommending to Monthly
Meeting that Shirley might
be considered as a representative.

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Several members of Ministry and Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting, being satisfied that Robert Cool, who has been acting as Pastor of the meeting for nearly two years, feel that he has shown much evidence as a gift of ministry. We feel that this gift should be officially recognised; We therefore recommend To Monthly Meeting that proper procedure be taken in this matter.

Our business being
accomplished we conclude
Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

April 6th 1961

This meeting of Ministry and Council is being called To consider the action of Monthly Meeting in regard To recognising Robert C Cool for consideration as a minister of the Society of Friends.

Our request To Monthly Meeting for their consideration was carefully considered and they request that

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that the Ministry and Council
of the Quarterly Meeting be con-
sidered for final action.

Our business being
concluded we adjourn

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

March 30 - 1962

At a meeting of Ministry and Council
of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting
held 3rd Mo, 30th, 1962 the
minutes of the last meeting have
been read and approved

We welcome as a new
Elder, Lauriston Smith who was
recently appointed to serve as
elder for a period of three years.

We note that Robert Cool officiated
at the wedding of Robert Taber and
Donna Gram. Robert is a member
of our meeting. The wedding
took place in the Meeting House
on Saturday, Feb 17, 1962 at
4 o'clock P.m.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem.

2. In the second part, we shall consider the special case of a homogeneous system.

3. The third part is devoted to the study of the properties of the solutions.

4. Finally, in the fourth part, we shall give some numerical results.

5. The paper concludes with a summary of the results.

6. The author wishes to express his thanks to the referee for his valuable remarks.

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Robert Cool advises us that he is considering going abroad for the months of July and August, of this year and requests that we keep this matter in mind when planning for our summer recess.

This request will be referred to monthly meeting for their consideration.

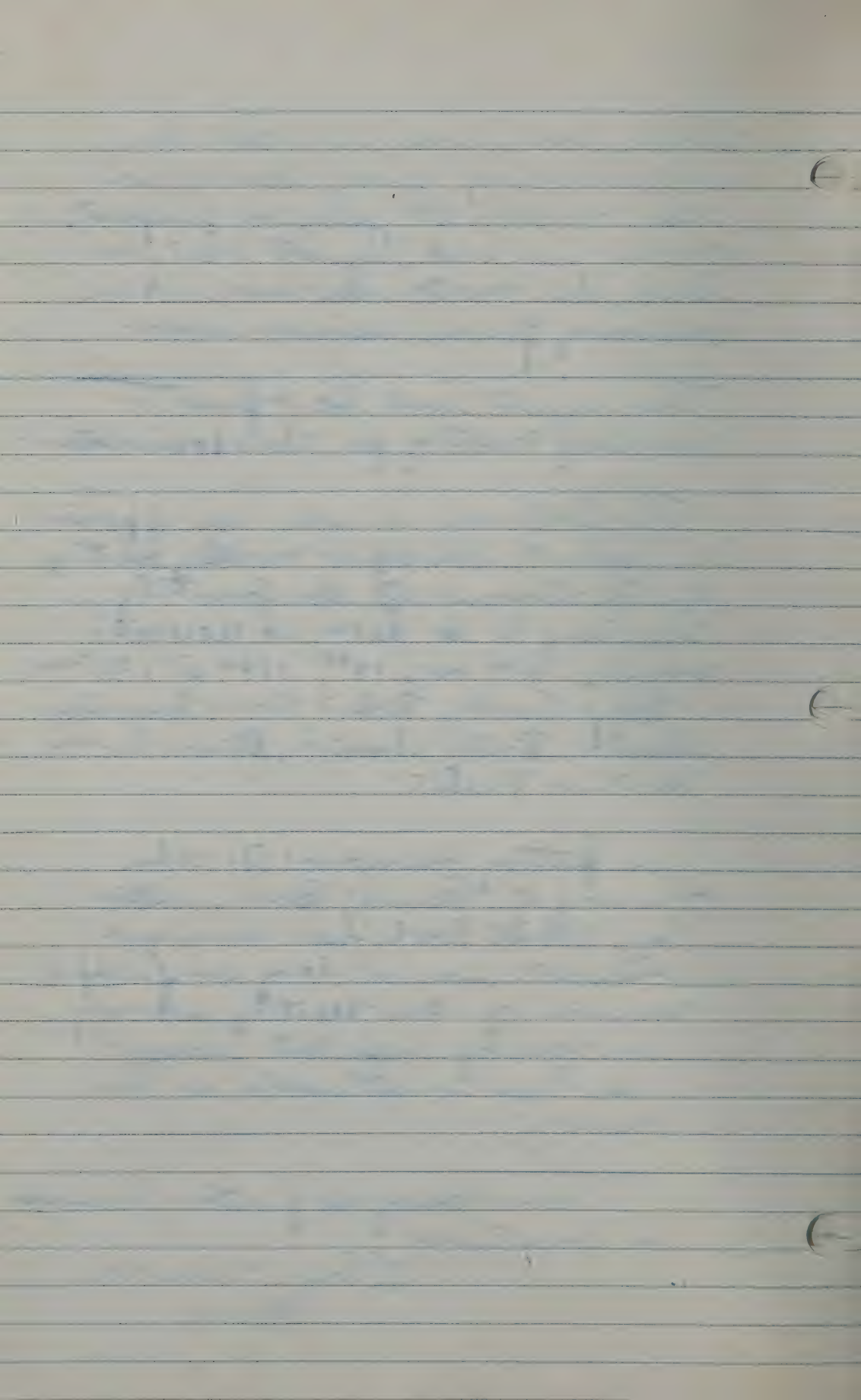
The following members are appointed to represent Smithfield monthly meeting of M.T. Council at the quarterly meeting to be held in Worcester Mass, 4th mo, 14th 1962 at 1:30 Pm:

Lloyd Arnold, Robert Cool, Laurestan Smith, Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen Nellie Fisher.

A fitting memorial to the memory of Russell Ross written by Robert Cool has been read. Russell was a long and faithful member of our meeting serving in many important ways. a Page is set aside in his memory.

There being no further business we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.



A Memorial

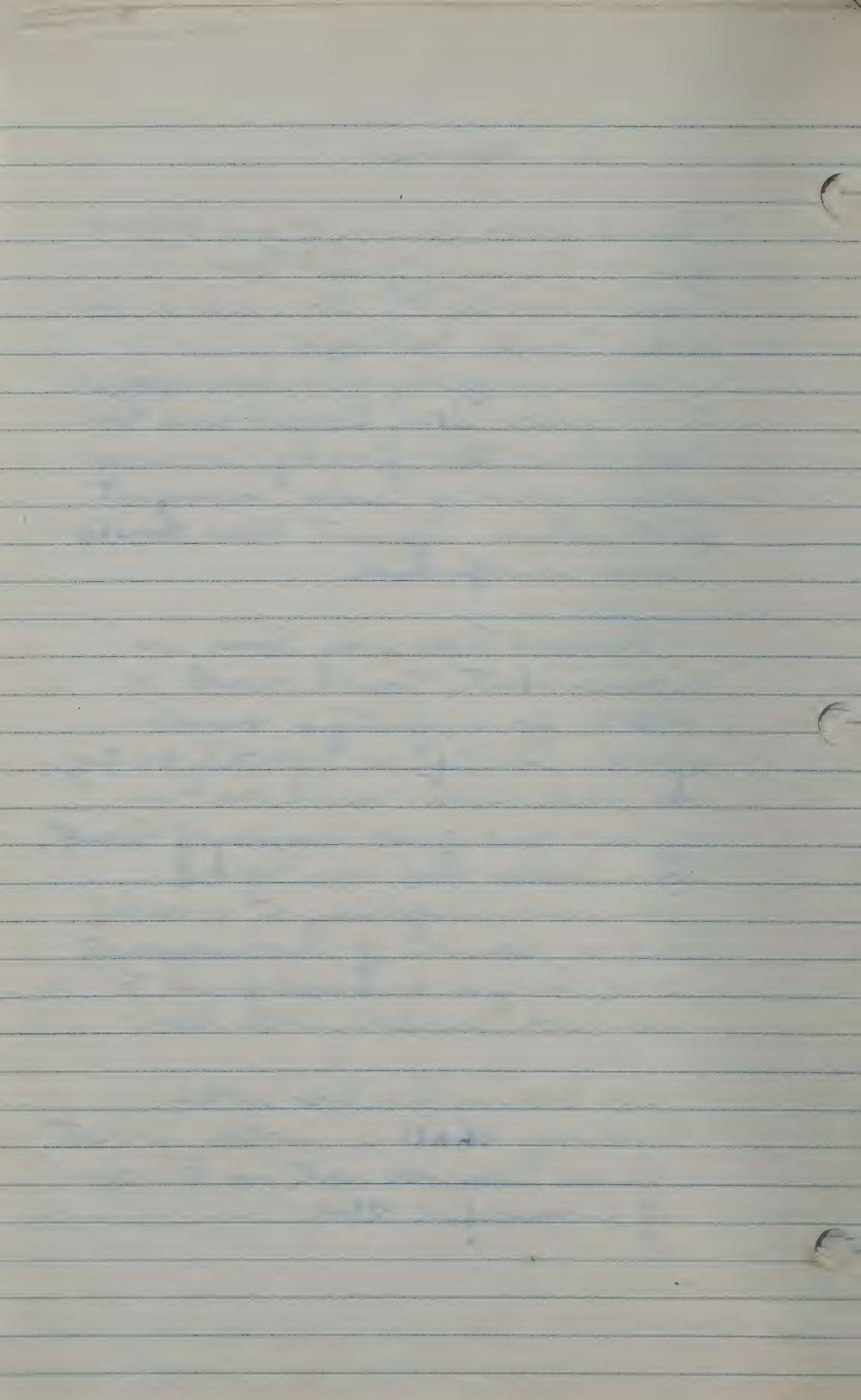
The Sudden passing of our beloved friend, Russell James Ross, on eighth month 1st, 1961, was a sad loss to the meeting.

Our sympathy has been expressed to Marion Ross, Donald and Gail, and the latter's family, in ways which always seem inadequate but which represent true Christian love unspeakable.

Russell Ross was born in Wonsorbet, Fourth month 14 1907. As a faithful member of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting, he contributed much over the years, and gave largely of himself, his labor and his means.

He was inspiring at worship, and a source of encouragement and cheerful accomplishment to all who worked with him.

We mourn his loss while knowing that a worthy servant found deserved rest in the care of a merciful God.



June 8 - 1962

a meeting of Ministry and Council is held Sixth month 8th 1962.

The queries are read and considered.

All who may be in attendance from Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Council shall be declared representatives, at the Quarterly Meeting which is to be held in Sturbridge in July. A picnic lunch will be held at twelve noon on the grounds.

A request by Robert Cool to be absent during the months of July and August due to his anticipated trip to Europe is granted, with one month vacation pay.

By approval of the meeting on Ministry and Council, morning worship during the months of July and August, including the first Sunday in Sept will start at 10 a.m.

We approve that a recommendation be sent To Monthly Meeting that the sum of \$20.00 (Dollars) per Sunday be allowed Supply Pastor during the summer months.

A letter from Clarabell Marstella requesting information on meetings held at the East Blackstone Meeting House is received, and Melita Fisher is requested To supply the necessary information.

A letter requesting a quit Claim Deed on the Mendon (Swandale) Cemetery (Quaker) has been received for Burial purposes only.

A committee composed of Melita Fisher, Lester Taber and Lloyd Arnold is appointed To meet with a similar committee from the Swandale Cemetery Corp. of Mendon and report findings at the next regular monthly meeting.

Morning worship services are To be left in the hands of the Ministry and Council; with Lloyd Arnold heading a committee To make proper

Ministry and Council suggest
that one quiet meeting might
be in order.

We are limited in approving
the following requests for
memberships in the Smithfield
Monthly Meeting:

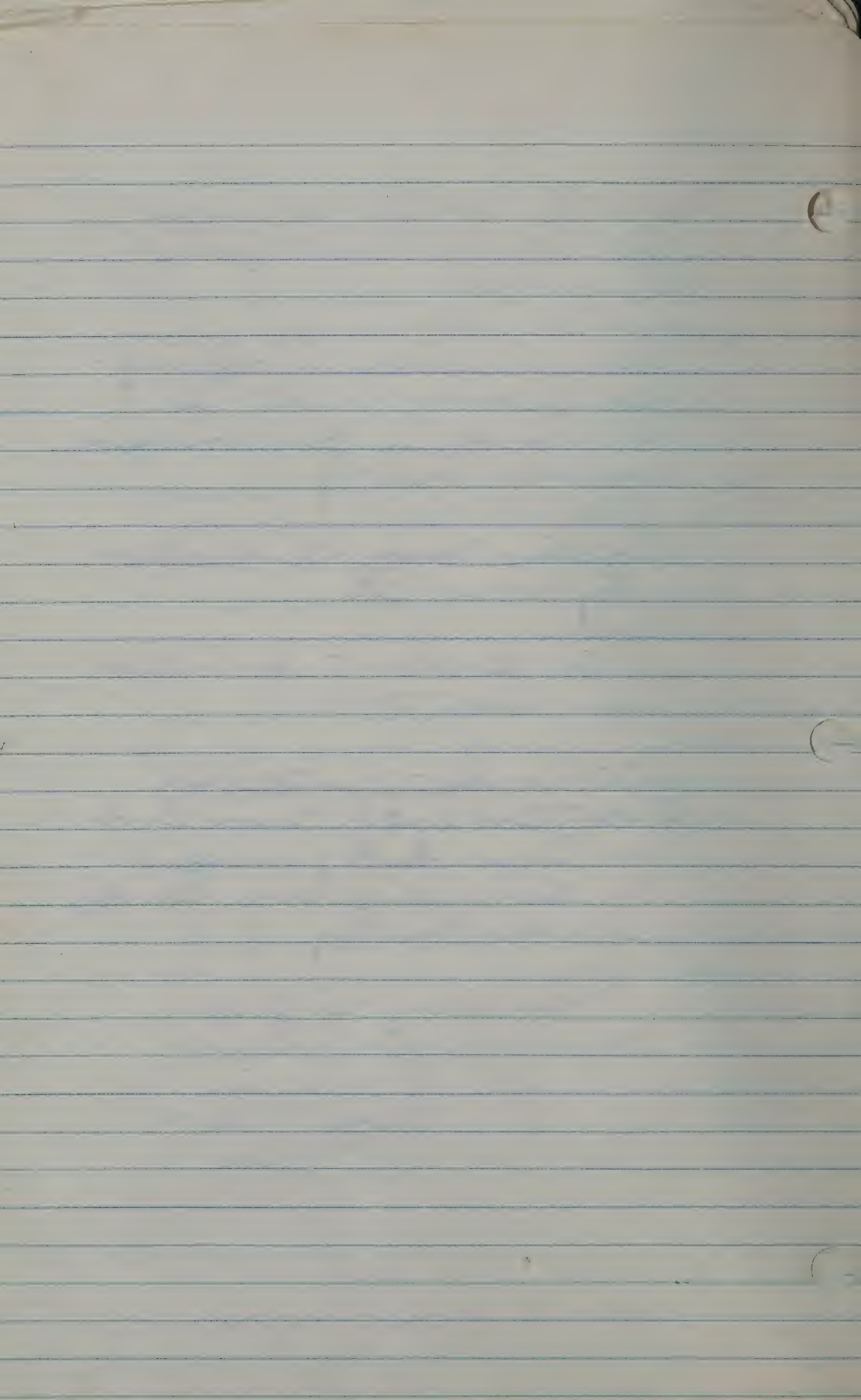
Cynthia Morry - To be contacted
by Nellie Fisher.

Alan Brooks - To be contacted
by Robert Cool.

It is also requested that
Robert Cool contact Norma Brooks
and Eugen LeRoy in regard
to their feelings on membership
with our meeting.

There being no further
business, we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.



June 17-1963

A meeting of Ministry and Council
is held on June 17th 1963.

We welcome Laura Follett as
a newly appointed Elder to
the Ministry & Council.

This being the time to appoint
representatives to Quarterly Meeting
to be held Aug 13rd the following
are appointed:

Lauriston Smith

Ruth Smith

Laura Follett

Sochita Fisher

Nellie Fisher

Robert Cool having advised us
that he is not sure that
he can serve as pastor on
a regular schedule, desiring that
we be free to secure some-
one else who could replace
him. He is not sure about
being able to spend as much
time with us this next year as
he feels he would like to
because of his new school
duties in Providence.

After much consideration
the following suggestions

were made: that a committee be appointed to contact Louis Swastella in regard to ministers who might be interested; and report back at the next Ministry and Council meeting.

Names of others who might be approached were,
E. Merrill Root
Margaret Tollefson Husband.

We are agreed in the matter of keeping the meeting open during the summer months.

The concern of longer unprogrammed period of morning worship has again been mentioned and we feel united in recommending this matter to the pastor.

We are agreed in allowing one month vacation pay to the pastor.

There being no further business we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

April 13 1964

A meeting of Ministry and Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting on M + C is held on fourth month, 13th, 1964.

We approve the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

This being the time to appoint representatives to Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Council meeting which is to be held in Worcester we appoint the following persons:

Lavinia Smith, Bessie Ewen, Lloyd Arnold, Robert Coyle.

We welcome the following new members of Ministry and Council who were recently appointed Elders of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting

Grace McNameara
Bessie Ewen
Wilma Smith
Lavinia Corrigan

The spiritual report written by Robert Coyle has been read and approved.

A letter from Jane Cook requesting advise and approval for setting up a teaching method assembly for Sunday School teachers and pupils at the Quarterly meeting session meets with our approval. (2)

We are requested to send as many teachers and pupils as possible

Requests have been brought to our attention in regard to giving more time to our unprogrammed period in morning worship and we approve.

discussing this matter with our pastor Robert Cool and recommending this change in the worship. (2)

This being the extent of our business, we adjourn

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

July 14-1965

Smithfield monthly meeting of
Ministry and Council is held on
7th Mo, 14th, 1965 at the meeting
House.

Minutes of the last meeting are
read and approved.

This being the time to appoint
representatives to Quarterly meeting
of Ministry and Council, the following
are appointed to attend:

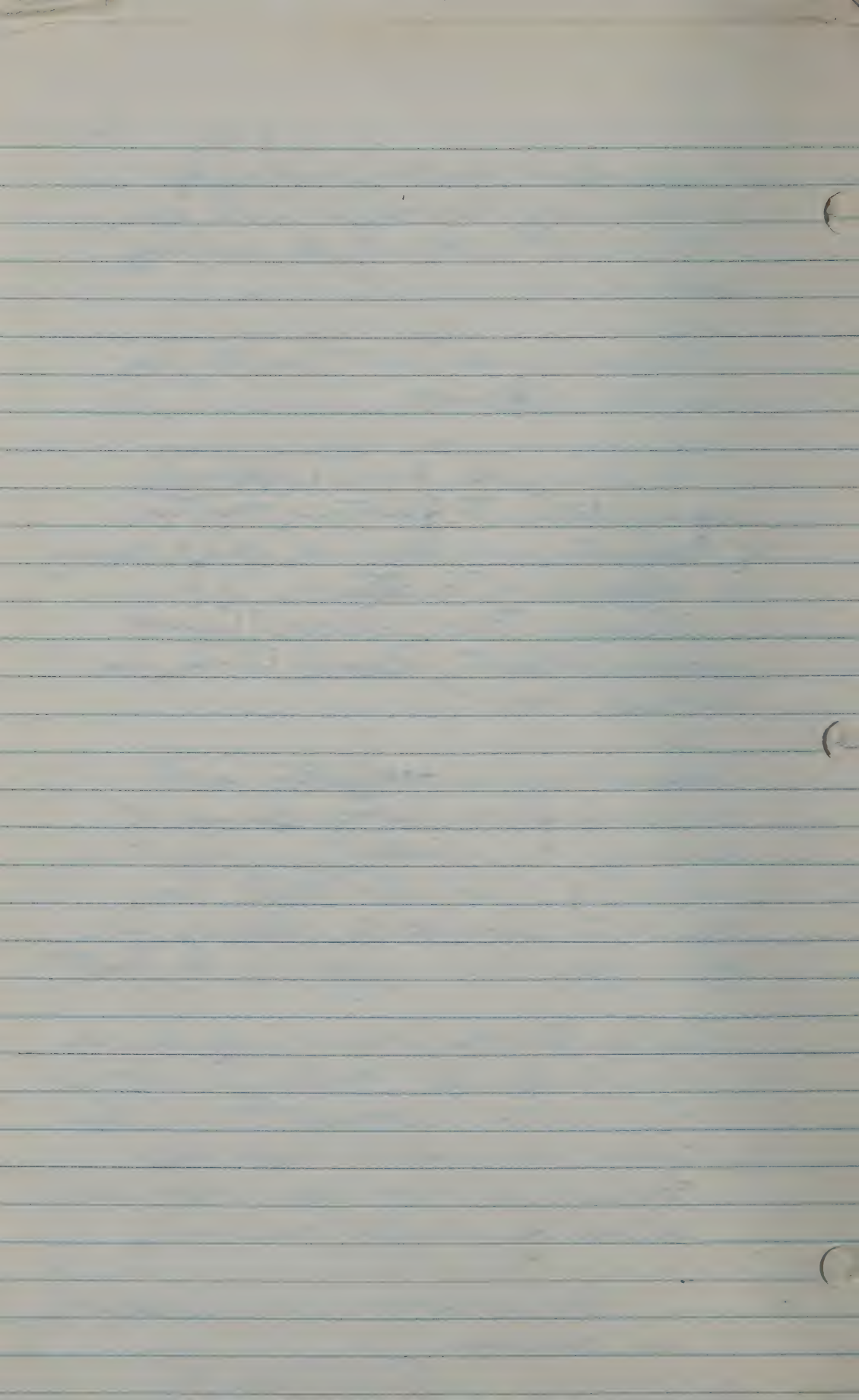
Manon Ross, Lloyd C Arnold
Laura Follett, Bessie Ewen, and
Robert Cool.

We are again confronted with a
concern for a longer period of
silence or waiting in the morning
worship; and the Pastor has
agreed to work on a schedule for
our approval in regard to this matter.

Allan Brooke, soon will become
eligible for the Military Draft, and
this matter is brought to our atten-
tion. We should keep this
concern in mind and render such
advice as we feel necessary.

Our business being accomplished
we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk



April - 1st 1966

A meeting of Smithfield Monthly meeting is held at the meeting house, 4th mo - 1st 1966.

We approve the minutes of the last meeting.

A period of silent meditation is observed.

A letter is read, inviting us to a one day Seminar which is to be held at the Beacon Hill Friends House, 6 Chestnut ST, Boston Mass.

The meeting will be based on Query II - "Do both silent and vocal ministry arise from a shared experience of His presence?"

Do all other activities of your meeting life find their source and their inspiration in your worship together?

It is hoped that one or more representatives may be able to attend. Robert Cool and Lloyd Arnold are appointed as representatives.

The following are appointed to attend as representatives, the quarterly meeting of MTC.

To be held at Providence on
4th mo 16th at 10.30 A.M.

Enclita Fisher, Marion Ross
Robert Cool, Bessie Ewen and
others who may be in attendance.

We welcome the newly and
reappointed Elders of M.T.C.

Enclita B. Fisher
Marion Ross
Louise Corrigan
Lessie Tollett

It is suggested that Elders
in the future be appointed by
~~ministry~~ monthly meeting with
recommendation of both M.T.C.
and M. meeting.

This matter is referred to monthly
meeting for their consideration.

A concern has arisen in regard
to our morning worship attendance.
Many fine suggestions were discussed
which might be of help in increasing
the interest and attendance, but
no definite plan was acted upon
at this time for reference to M.M.
for their consideration.
However it was agreed that
personal telephone calls or contacts

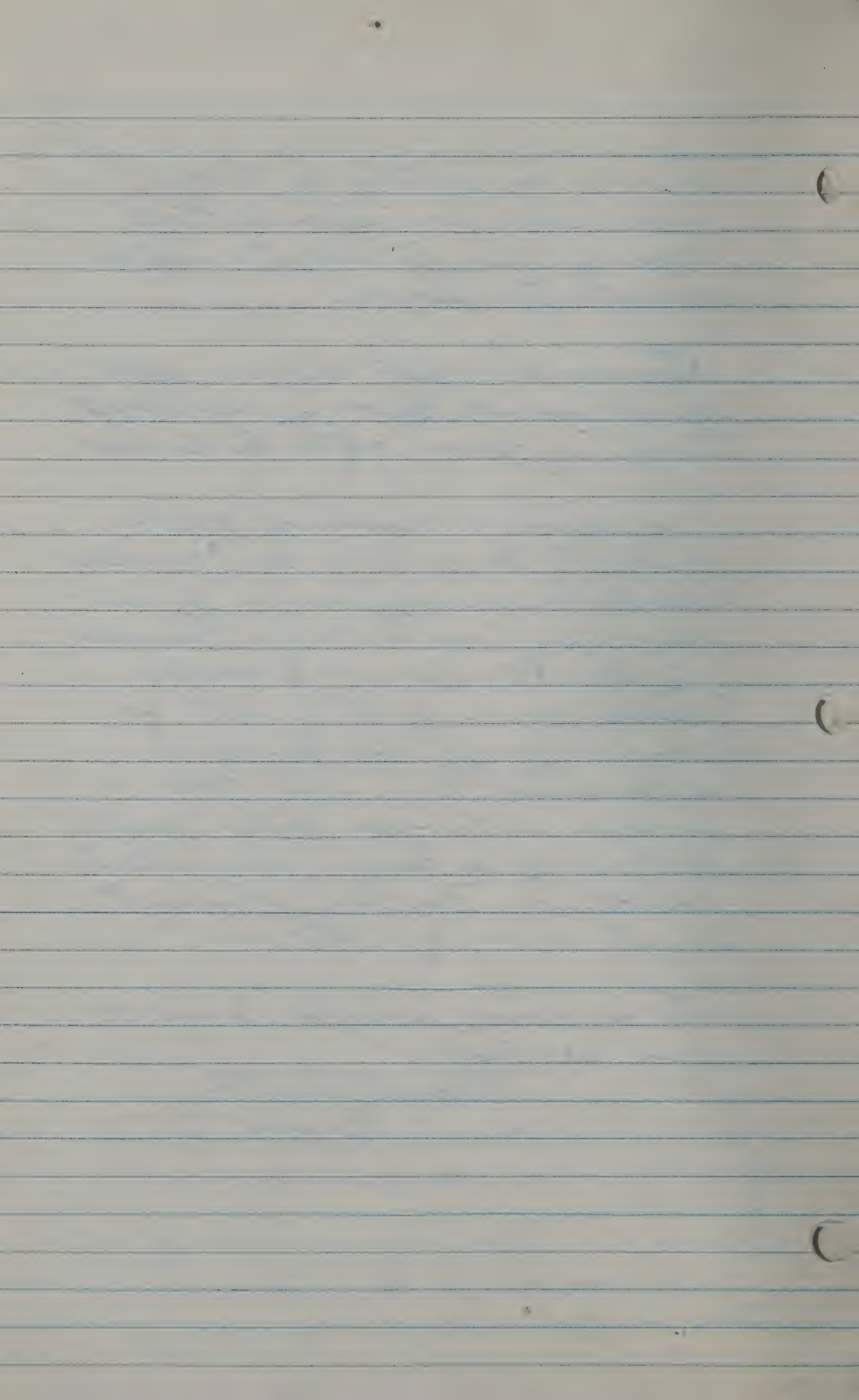
should frequently be made;
and that we should start
doing this at once to include
an Easter Service.

It was also felt that our silent
period would prove of more benefit
to all if placed after the sermon.

A spirited discussion on the
duties of Committees and Committee
members ensued, and a recommend-
ation by Ann De Nevers, Chairman
of the P.T.S. Concerns Committee
(who was a guest of MTC for
the evening), that perhaps a
committee nite, which could be
arranged in the near future, might
be of help in clearing their activities
and duties. The nite of April 25th
is set aside for 'this event'.

There being no further business
we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk



June 14-1966

A meeting of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Ministry & Council is held 6th Mo/ 12th 1966.

We approve the reading of the last meeting minutes

A tract by Seth Hinshaw, entitled - "The Nature of the Quaker Message" was read by the Clerk. This tract contains much to think about and is well presented.

A period of silent prayer is given before our business of the evening.

The queries on MTC are read and time given for their consideration

We appoint the following members of MTC to attend the Quarterly Meeting of MTC - To be held at Sturbridge, Mass on Sat July 30th :

Joanon Ross - Bessie Ewen
Dorlita B Fisher, Lloyd Arnold

This being the time to make
recommendation for appointment
of a minister for the ensuing
year; we are united in
recommending to Ministry & Council
the name of Robert Cool to
be appointed to serve us during
the next year; under the
same conditions as at present.

There being no further business
we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

Dec - 5 - 1966

- Smithfield Monthly Meeting -
A meeting of M+C. is held
12th Mo. 5th 1966.

The meeting opened with a period
of silent meditation, followed
by the reading and approval of
the minutes of the last meeting.

Bessie Even read the queries
for us, after which due time
for their consideration was given.

The matter of Elders to preside
for the next three years is
brought to our attention and
we are unanimous in agreeing
that the present Elders whose
terms expire at this period, be
retained for the next 3 year
period.

A suggestion that M+C. try
to meet at least every two
months to consider business
and consultation is approved.

The application of Katherine
Benjamin, age 18, for membership
in Smithfield Monthly Meeting
of Friends has been considered
and we appoint Robert Cool.

To wait on her and report
back his findings at the
next meeting of MTC.

Other young Friends were also
considered for membership.

Jeffrey Tubault

Carol Nichols

Richard Keene

Jeffrey Keene

also the name of Rachael Tollett

Our business being concluded
we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

March 25 - 1967

A meeting of Ministry & Council of the Southfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held 3rd mo/25th 1967.

The meeting is opened with a period of Silent meditation.

The Quines are read and time given for their consideration.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and approved.

This being the time to appoint representatives to M.C. of the Quarterly Meeting, to be held April 15th, we appoint all who are in attendance.

Robert Cool brings to our attention a request for the use of the meeting House ~~and~~ on April 15th at 3 PM for the marriage ceremony of Kathleen Corrigan and Albert Borsvert.

We are unanimous in approving this request and refer our approval to Monthly Meeting.

A letter sent to Katharin Benjamin as yet has not been

answered, but several members
have personally talked with her
in regard to her application for
membership, and we feel that
she should be welcomed into
membership if she now desires
it.

Our business being accomplished
we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

Oct. 19-1967

A meeting of Ministry & Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held 10th Mo - 19th 1967.

A period of Silent Meditation opened the Meeting.

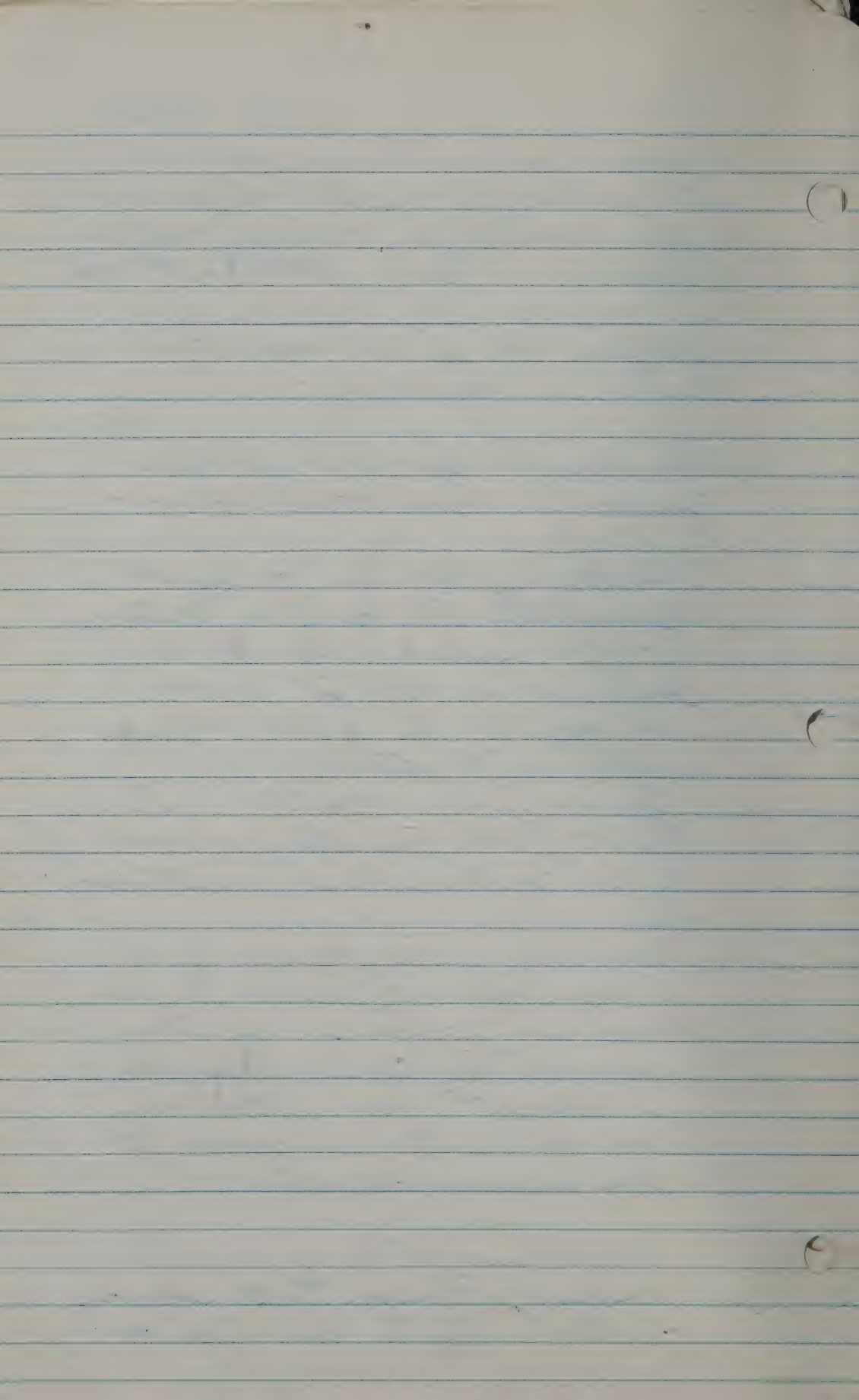
The queries are read with time given for their consideration.

This being the time to appoint representatives to Quarterly Meeting of MTC which will be held Sat. Oct 21-1967 - at 10. AM, we appoint the following representatives to attend:

Bessie Ewen - Melita Fisher
Robert Cool and other members of our MTC who are in attendance.

Once again the concern for a longer period of waiting in the morning service is requested, and as this concern frequently is brought to our attention we are united in giving it our sincere attention.

We are urged to give more careful attention to our Sunday School efforts, and offer our

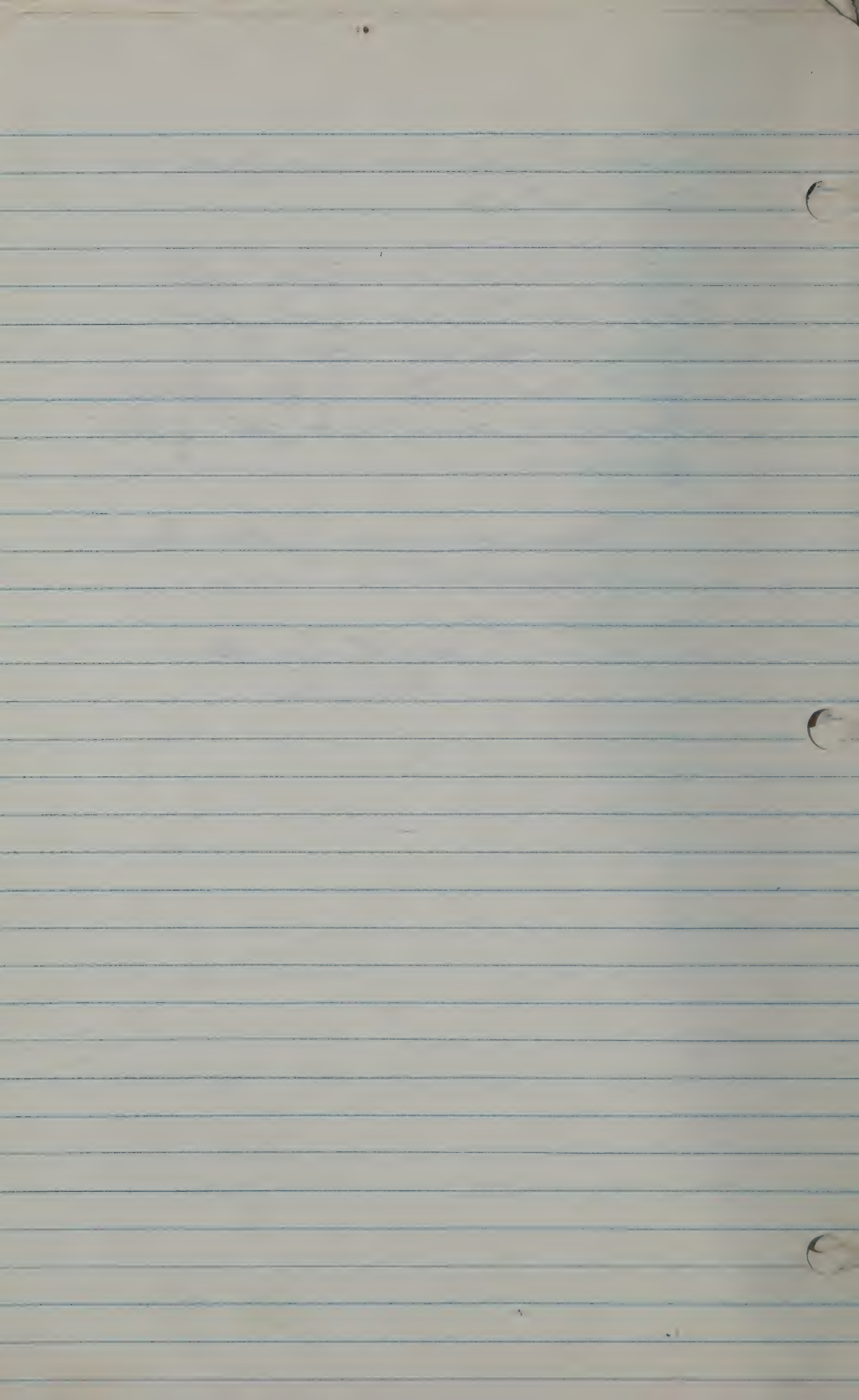


support whenever we feel we
can help.

A roll call meeting after
the first of the year has
been considered and it is
felt that letters to our absent
members should be part of this
program.

There being no further business
we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.



Meeting of Ministry and Council
convened on Feb. 13, 1968 at 7:30 P.M.
with six members present. The
first order of business was the
appointment of Louise Corrigan as
clerk.

The queries for ministry and Council
were read & considered.

Letter from Jeannette G. Smith for
the N.E. Yearly Meeting of Friends, Comm-
ittee on Peace and Social Concerns
asking the Meeting to discuss the
Friends Peace testimony booklet.
When booklets arrive it will be
brought to the attention of Monthly
Meeting.

Letter from Quarterly Meeting
to clerks of Ministry and Council of
R.I. & Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of
Friends presenting recommendations
for revitalizing these meetings in
Ministry & Council. Representatives
named for this meeting are Bebie
Ewen & Ruth E. Smith & alternate Robert
Cool. It was recommended that
Ministry & Council meet at least
every other month.

A roll call meeting with a supper
was suggested. This will be brought
before Monthly Meeting.

Letter from Woolman Hill will
also be read to Meeting. This letter
concerns a weekend meeting for
worship thru music Mar! thru 3, 1968.

Mr. Cool volunteered to find supply
factors when he will be unable to
attend. Silent meeting at 9 a. m.
Sunday was discussed with no
action taken.

Lloyd Arnold & Robert Cool will be
asked to write the Spiritual Condition
of the Meeting.

Next meeting to be held April 8, 1968

No further business meeting adjourned.

Louise Corrigan
Clerk

Meeting of M. & C. convened on Apr. 8, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with 4 members present.

Minutes were read and approved. Issues were read and considered.

It was brought to the attention of this group the fact that in just 10 years the proportion of American adults who believe that religion is "losing its influence on American Life" has jumped from 14% to 57%. This should be a concern of every member of the meeting. This to be reported to M.M.

Pamphlets "Who are Friends" by Seth Hinshaw were discussed. Copies will be donated and distributed at Meeting.

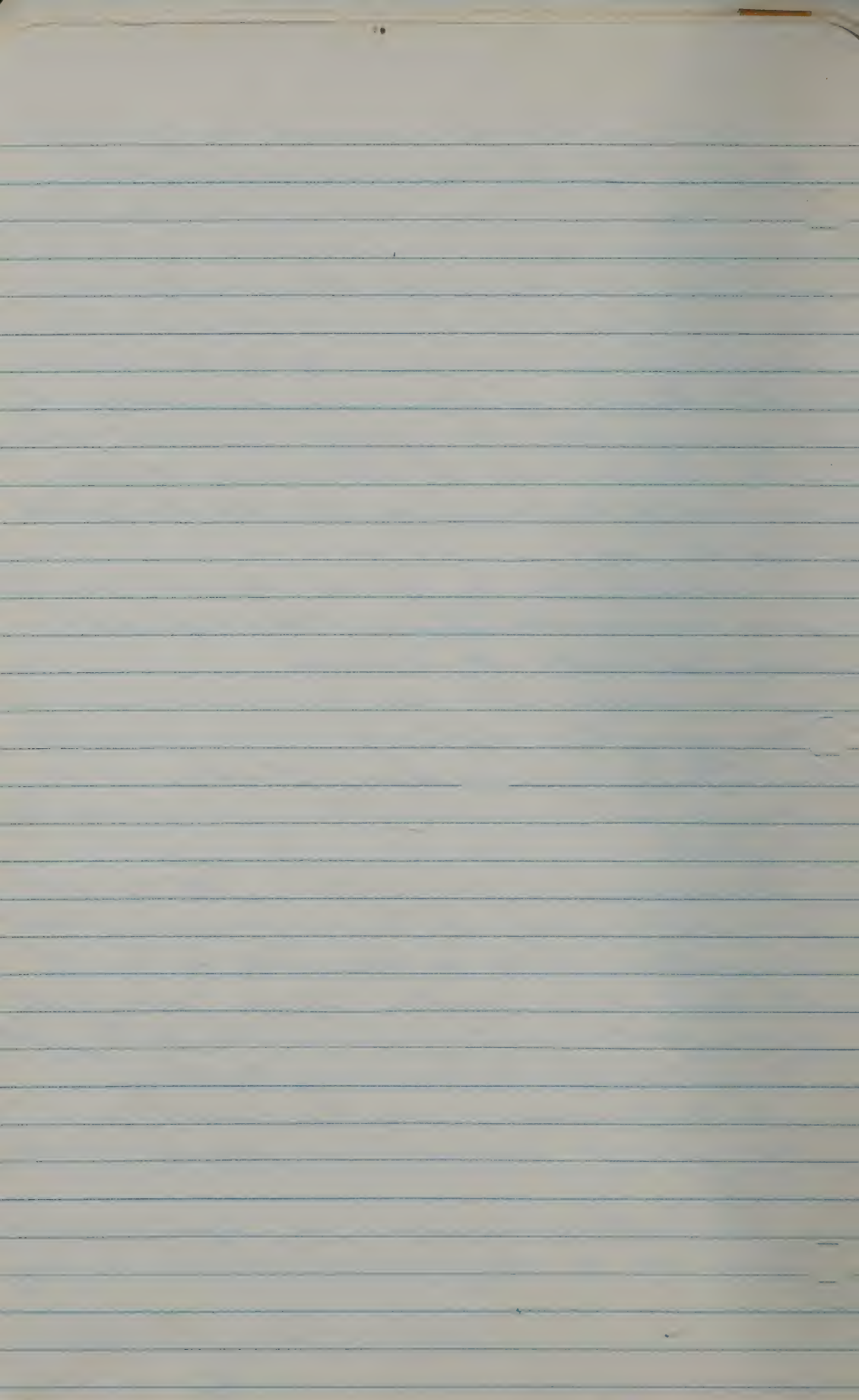
Discussions on Junior (associate) members changing their status to full members, thru a letter and encouraging attenders to become full members. This will be reported to M.M.

Discussion in connection with Robert Cool's statement at M.M. concerning his resignation. Letter is to be sent to Dean of students at Barrington College for a part time pastor and to Lewis Martelle will be contacted at Quarterly Meeting.

A 9 a.m. service was discussed and considered and will be brought before M.M.

No further business we adjourned with June 3rd as the next scheduled meeting.

Louise Corrigan, Clerk



Meeting of M & C. convened on May 27, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. with 7 members present. Minutes were read and approved. Quieres for M & C. were read and considered with the possibility of taking one querie every meeting for discussion. Perhaps this would make the reading more meaningful.

A letter requesting membership in Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends from Adeline Randall was read and approved and will be so stated at M. M.

Longer silent periods during worship was discussed and Mr Cool will be consulted.

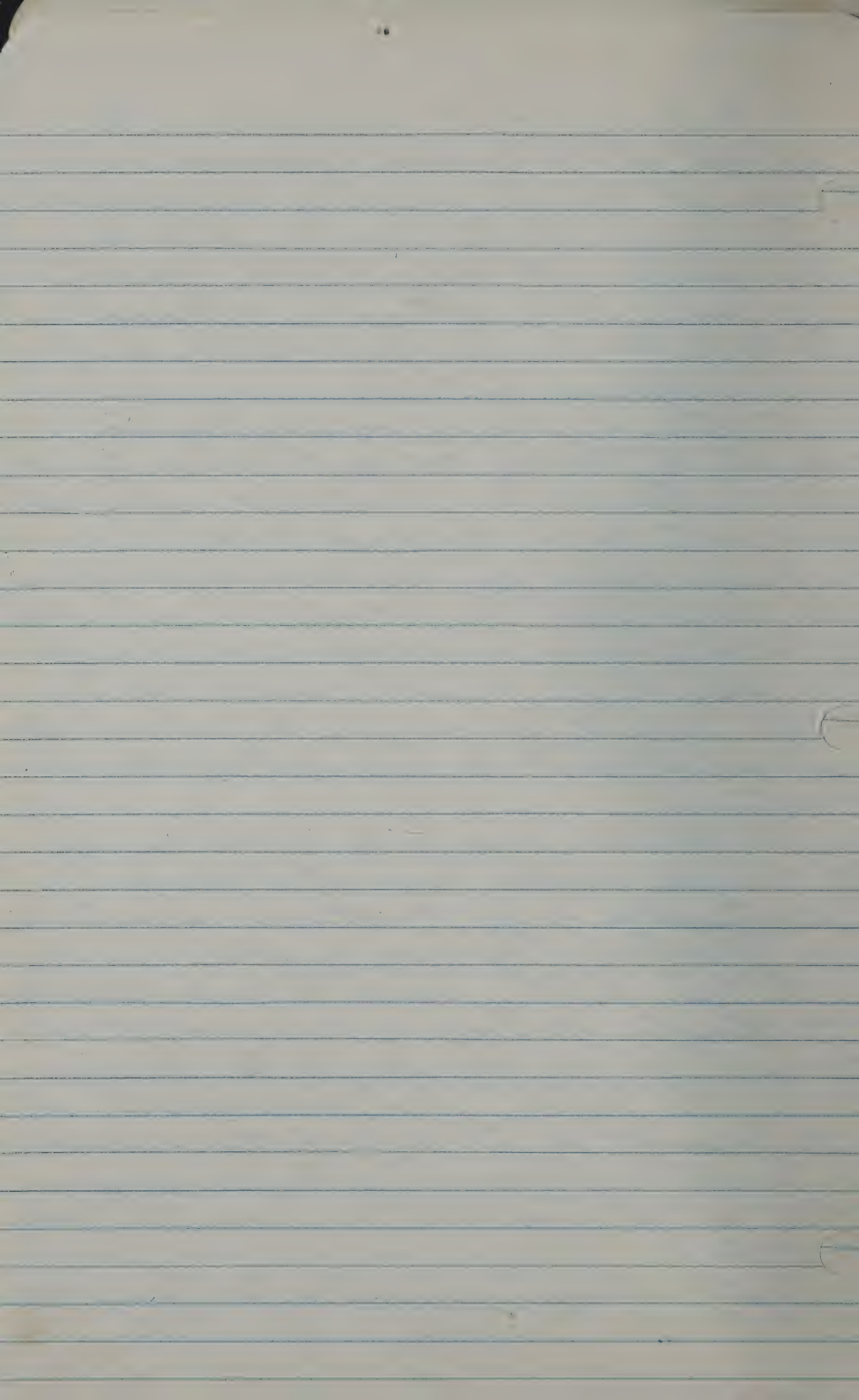
Melita Fisher was appointed to draft a letter to old members and to change the status of Jr. members to full membership. This letter will be discussed at the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the hiring of a new pastor. Clerk of M. M. is instructed to get further information on John Rich, a former Baptist minister, who has stated a desire to have a Friends' pastorate. Mr. Rich will be invited to preach for one Sunday before any offer is made. This consideration will be brought to M. M. for further discussion.

Funds for China Camp to aid boys that intend to go will be requested from M. M.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 1968. No further business, we conclude.

Louise Corrigan, Clerk



Meeting of M. & C. convened on June 24, 1968
at 7:30 P.M. with 5 members present. Minutes
were read and approved. The first query
was read and discussed on how we can
answer some of the questions of this query.
Each member present would contact some
of the members who have not been coming
to Meeting. This could be done by phone.

Letters that were drafted by Melita Fisher
were approved and she will send these
out to all non-resident members.

A replacement for Merrill Root on M. & C.
will be referred to the nominating committee.
Booklet on Friends Peace Testimony will be
circulated and then given to Ann DeNevers,
Chairman of Peace & Social Concerns Committee.

The hiring of Paul Adkins as pastor will
be brought to M.M. at a salary of \$2400.00
providing he can give the members of
the meeting time over & above Sat. an Sun.
\$300.00 of this money is for transportation.

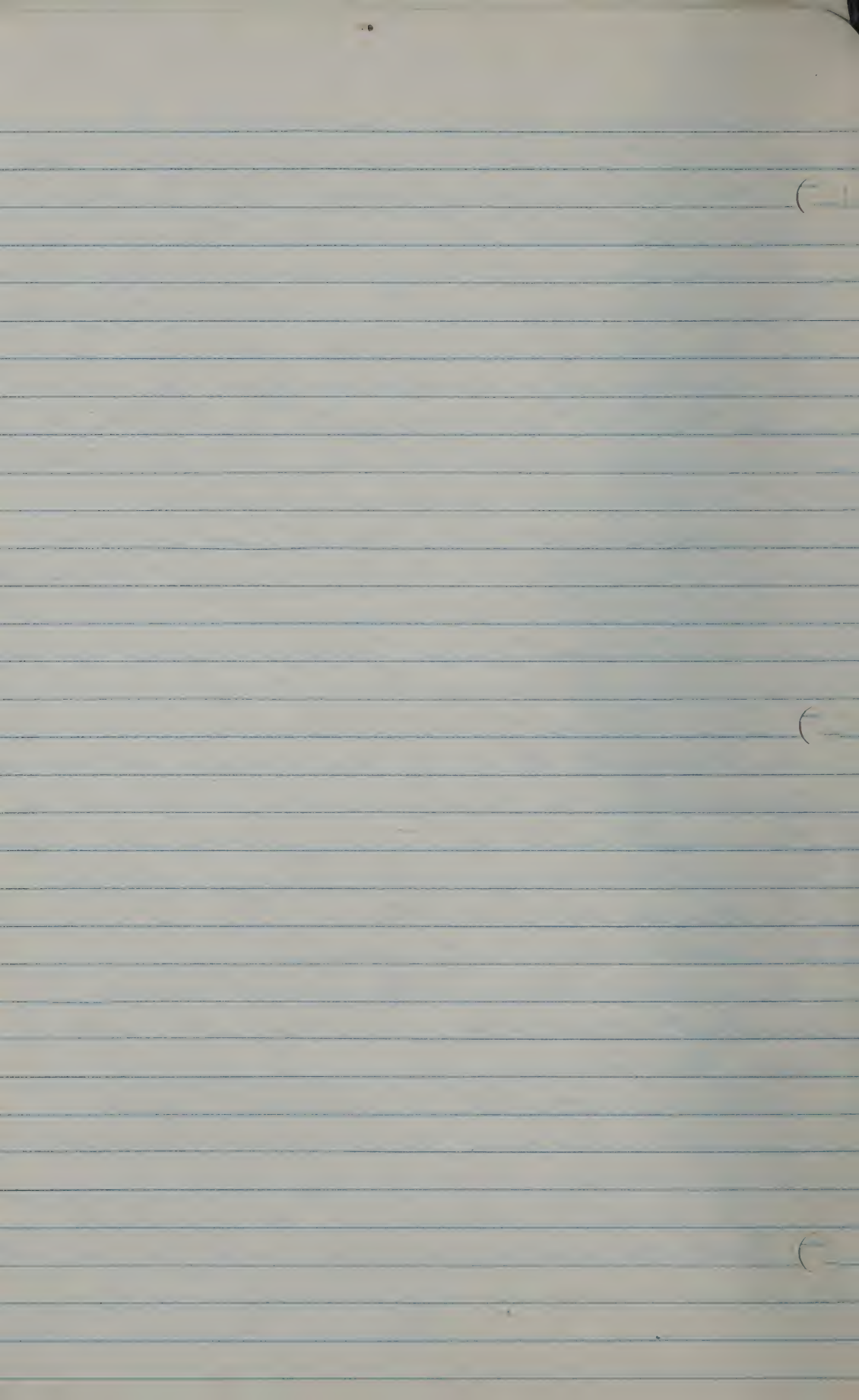
Clerk will send a letter to Charles Rich that
his services are not required.

It is suggested a letter be sent to all
resident members when & if we have a
new pastor.

It was suggested the book on Faith &
Practice be sent to Adeline Randall &
Paul Adkins.

No further business, we conclude.
Next scheduled meeting will be Sept. 23, 1968.

Louise Corrigan, Clerk



Meeting of M. & C. convened on Sept. 23, 1968 at 7.30 P.M. with 6 members present. Minutes were read and approved. The 2nd query was read and discussed with the suggestion that we all try to be present at the evening discussion group with Paul Adkins to learn more about the New Testament.

It was suggested that Merrill Root withdraws his membership before replacing him on the M. & C.

Melita Fisher read 2 letters from non-residents - Robert Zabor who wishes his name withdrawn and Sybil Dowling who wishes to remain.

A discussion was held about the procedures for announcing our new pastor. The possibility of a roll call supper with members & non-members being invited was discussed but tabled until Eunice Strobel could be contacted due to the Christian Education Committee thinking along these lines.

Paul Adkins asked if there was any set notice to be given when a pastoral vacancy was to take place. It was suggested we ask for a 2 months notice if possible.

Paul Adkins urged participation in the Sunday night Bible study.

Louise Corrigan asked the group for their feeling on using our church to avoid the draft. Everyone felt if when registering for the draft if he signed as a

Conscientious Objector then his intentions were known and he could then follow the dictates of the law as is outlined for Conscientious Objectors. Our church could not be used for avoiding the draft.

No further business, we conclude.

Louise Corrigan, Clerk

Meeting of Ministry and Council
convened at 7:30 P.M. May 26, 1969 with
5 members present.

The 3rd query for Ministry and
Council was read and discussed.

The minutes were read and
approved.

Eunice Strobel was invited to this
meeting to present her concern to
this meeting. She brought forth a
concern about the young people
joining our meeting. This was
discussed and Eunice Strobel
and Louise Corrigan were named
to meet with these young adults
as soon as possible to let them
know we are truly interested
in their religious life. It was
also suggested that we review
materials for starting a class
in September.

The unprogrammed meeting was
discussed (May 25th) and considered
to be of great spiritual value
to those who attended.

Monthly meeting will be asked
to set a policy for the treasurer
to be able to use invested funds
when absolutely necessary. The
members advised caution in spending.

It will be recommended to
Monthly Meeting to rehire Paul
Adkin and recommend a raise
in pay.

Lloyd Arnold reminded the members present of the June 14th, 1969 picnic. This is the beginning of the 250th anniversary celebration and he urged all to support this function with a real family day. The next meeting will be called by the clerk soon to peruse materials for this fall class as was previously discussed.

No further business we conclude.

Louise Corrigan, Clerk

Meeting of Ministry and Council
convened on Oct 27, 1969 at 7:30 P.M.
with 4 members present. Tissue 4 was
read and discussed.

Minutes of the last meeting were
read and accepted. Foundations for
membership in the Meeting, a pamphlet
proposed for a study guide for
prospective members, was discussed.
Linnestobel and Louise Corrigan
will meet to work on this program.

Melita Fisher was named as a
delegate to Quarterly Meeting and
another ^{one} named at the next meeting.

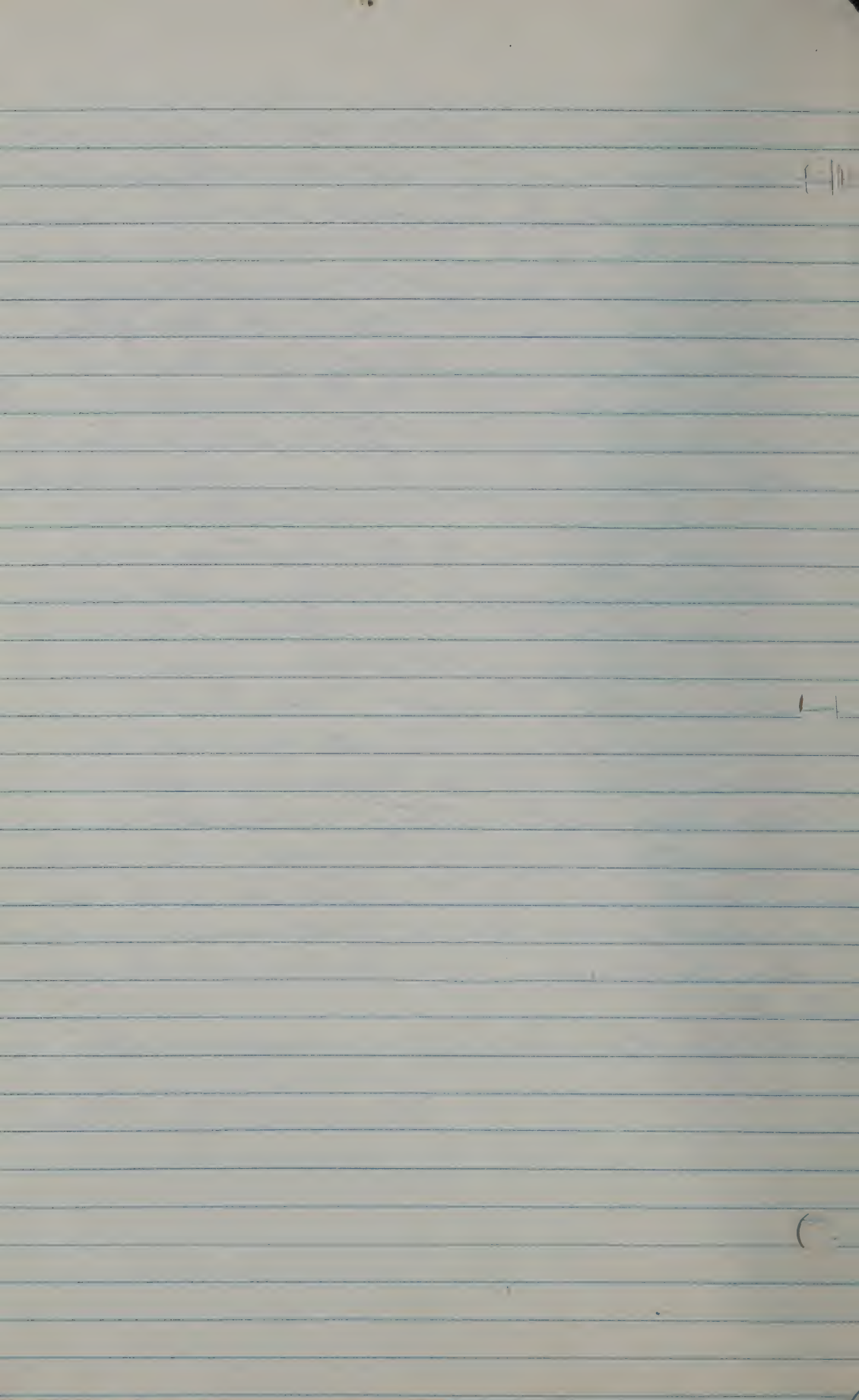
Discussion on the possibility of having
only 1 member rotated off instead of 3.

This will be brought to the M.M.

Bessie Even, a Delegate to Quarterly
M. and C. brought the following suggestion
from their last meeting: a visitation
committee be formed to visit the sick,
infirm and aged members who are
unable to get out to Meetings on Sundays.
This suggestion is to be brought before
M.M.

No further business we adjourned

Louise Corrigan, Clerk



Special meeting was called for Nov 15, 1969 for the purpose of discussing visitations. There were 4 members plus Paul Adkins present. It was suggested that a list of nonattenders be made and that each member of the M. & C. would take a few names to contact to show that the Meeting cares and would like to have them come to Sunday Morning worship service.

Since no other business was to come before this special meeting the meeting was adjourned.

Louise Corrigan
Clerk.

After meeting was adjourned it was the thinking of the group that possibly a note of invitation to meetings should be added to meeting notice in the paper.

Feb 1, 1970

A meeting of ministry and counsel was held at the close of the worship service Feb. 1, 1970. The purpose of the session was to appoint a new clerk of that body. There were five members and ministers Paul Adams present.

after due consideration Ruth E. Smith was appointed clerk of ministry and counsel for the ensuing year.

Paul Adams and Ruth E. Smith were appointed to write the spiritual condition of the meeting and to present it at the next monthly mtg. to be held Feb. 25th.

No further business, we conclude.

Ruth E. Smith
clerk

Feb. 8, 1970

a special meeting of the Synod and Council was held Feb. 8, 1970, at the close of the worship service in the meeting house.

It was called to consider the application of Rachel Smith for re-instatement into membership of the Wisconsin Church. All were in agreement that we would be happy to have her.

The monthly mtg. will be re-informed at the business session on Feb. 25, 1970.

Ruth C. Smith
Clerk

March 7, 1970.

The meeting on Ministry and Council met Tuesday evening, March 4th, at Ruth & Lavina Smith's home.

A silent prayer in memory of Joseph Estes was offered. Melita Fisher was appointed to write a memorial to his memory. It will be presented to youth meeting, March 25th.

Paul Adkins' resignation, as minister of our church was accepted, with regret. He presented his resignation from the pulpit on Feb. 22nd, effective April 30th. We will miss him, but respect his reasons for leaving.

It was decided to seek supply pastors during May through July. In the fall we hope to have a permanent replacement. Among the names we are to contact for supply are Robert Higgins, Beryl Harris, Robert Cook, Emil John, and Alton Dumblood. Louis Myantellon and Edward Hinchman will be approached for their possible help in obtaining a permanent minister.

An attempt will be made by some members to carry on the work of the youth group after Paul leaves, until the fall, when we hope to have a new pastor.

Business being accomplished, we adjourned.

Ruth E. Smith, Clerk

March 15, 1970.

On March 15th, after the close of the worship service, we had a meeting of ministers and council. It was called for a program report on efforts to obtain supply ministers for the summer.

Among the possible replies of the letters about it, was one from Robert Earl who can supply in May with the exception of May 10th, which letter would occupy the pulpit.

Also Marvin Root from Maine, contacted Melvin Fisher, offering to serve some of the Sundays in July. Paul arranged to be driving road with them.

Again Ross suggested the names of Woodworth Carpenter, a lay person, also a possible supply during July, and Phillip Arnold, a former minister. She will contact these people.

A letter was received from Robert Haggan saying his plans were in definite for the summer but that he would let us know if available for supply.

Letters were received from Benjamin Harrison and Emil Golan, expressing regret that they cannot come.

the capacity of supply ministry.

Ruth C. Smith

clerk

May 24, 1970.

The ministry and counsel met Sunday, May 24th after the close of the work shift service.

Supply ministers for the month of June include Melvill Root for the 7th and 14th; Paul Johnson from Bowington ^{College} on the 21st, and Rev. Raymond Leavitt from the same college, the 28th.

Regarding supplies through July, it was recommended we have 1 unprogrammed meeting and the other 3 Sundays to be filled by available men. On July 12th, a ~~Prof.~~ gay Fiegenbaum from Mt. Holyoke College will be with us.

Chaplain John F. Smith of the Worcester State Hospital will be in communication with us early in June hopefully supplying names of students who are ~~interested~~ in occupying our pulpit the rest of July.

Thus far, all efforts to obtain a permanent minister have failed. Ministry and counsel requests suggestions from monthly mtg. in regard to what further steps to take. Also it was suggested by (ministry and counsel) to place an ad in Quaker Life in the hope of reaching some student who might be interested in a part time ministry.

It was recommended monthly mtg.
discuss a pay raise for supply min-
isters to adequately compensate them
for their efforts, and for travelling.
Business being concluded, we ad-
journed.

Ruth E. Smith, clerk

August 5, 1970.

Ministry and Counsel met Wed. evening, August 5th, at the home of Lauriston & Ruth Smith.

The meeting opened with a silent prayer for God's guidance in our church affairs.

It was reported we were successful in obtaining the services of a student, namely Allan Warren III, to occupy our pulpit July 19th and 26th.

A letter was read from Ralph Sweeney of Waterville, Maine. In it he makes inquiry about position of part time minister to the Smithfield Monthly Mtg. Eunice Strobel will contact him and invite him to speak at our church Sept. 20th, or in the near future.

Robert Coal was asked to supply for Sept. 13th and accepted.

At the monthly mtg., held July 22nd, Ministry and Counsel's recommendations of placing an ad for a minister in Zuckers Life, was approved. Also a pay raise from \$20.00 to \$25.00 was granted to supply preachers. Travel expenses will also be granted to serious candidates for the position of part time minister. Business being accomplished, we concluded the meeting.

Ruth E. Smith, Sec. (clerk)

Sept, 1970

Regarding our efforts to obtain a permanent part time minister:

There was no response to the letter sent to Ralph Greene, by Council Strobel, who answered some of his questions regarding our need for a pastor.

One application was received from a Rebecca Cox, in response to our ad placed in Quaker life. Ministry and Counsel did not recommend hiring her.

a telephone call was received by the church on September 25th from a William Hemmel who expressed interest in our ministry.

Ruth E. Smith
clerk

Oct. 4, 1970

Ministry & Counsel met after the close of the worship service Oct. 4th. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the application of William Hemmel, a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He desires to fill the post of part time minister, which is still open at our church.

after due consideration and polling of members who heard him at the worship service, Ministry & Counsel approved having him. We had been given the permission to act by monthly mtg. held Sept 3rd.
Ruth E. Smith, clerk

Feb. 17, 1971.

a meeting of ministers and Council was held at the home of Lawrence and Ruth Smith on the afternoon of February 17th.

Because of the fact that William Heddel, our minister, will be leaving June 1st, it is necessary to start looking for another man (or woman) to replace him. There were various suggestions made. Some of the members will write to the men and institutions mentioned at the meeting.

Council started with the state of the Society report for the year 1970. It was approved by Min. & Council, after minor corrections. It will be presented to Monthly Mtg. on Feb. 24th for their action. The Quarterly Mtg. Clerk will then receive a copy, which in turn, will be sent to yearly mtg. in a condensed form.

Our Deacons was organized to build up a committee for discussion groups to be held in May, at the church. The purpose of the discussions will be to spark interest in serving the needs of the community at large.

Minutes and Council Minutes
were read.

We concluded, proposing to
meet in the near future.

Ruth B. Smith
clerk

September, 1971.

William Hensel, our past minister,
left us after his graduation from
Anderson Newton Theological School
in May. although a member of
another denomination, he proved
to be very "Qualiscent" in his ways.
In his sermons and prayers he
exemplified the "light within".
We spent the months of June
and July, having many supply
preachers and lay men one of our
past members, notably Stuart P. Smith
who is now headmaster at Brooklyn
Friends School in New York spoke to
us on "Militarism and Revolution".
after receiving many applications
for our open ministry, we were
fortunate to secure the services
of Douglas Anderson who is now
our new minister. He is residing
in the parsonage with his wife
and two sons.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth B. Smith (clerk)

January 2, 1973.

A meeting of Ministry and Council was held at the close of the worship service on Jan. 2, 1973.

A marriage enrichment retreat, under the name of the yearly mtg. Ministry and Council was discussed. We will try to find a couple who is interested and can go to Lincoln School in Providence on Jan. 28th to 30th. The retreat is for the purpose of exploring new and deeper dimensions of human relationships within marriage.

Also discussed was the naming of a member and alternate to St. Mtg. on Min. & Council. The next meeting of that body will be held on Jan. 15th at our church. The clergy will endeavor to find 2 representatives willing to serve.

A reorganization of meetings, with the new members of Min. & Council ^{included} will be held in the near future.

No further business, we concluded.

Ruth C. Smith
clergy

^{Mr. & Mrs.} Leonard & Janet, a young married couple, attended the marriage clinic in Prov. Jan 28 to 30th.

March 13, 1972.

Ministry and Counsel met at the home of Kenneth and Eunice Stredel, on March 13th. There were 5 members present.

A reorganizational meeting was on the agenda, as well as the writing of the 1971 "State of the Society Report".

The purpose and duties of Ministry and Counsel was read from Faith and Practice. Also Ministry and Counsel Rules.

After much deliberation, a draft of the State of the Society report was written, subject to the approval of the monthly meeting. If approved ^(a copy) it will be sent to Quarterly and yearly mtgs.

Ruth C. Smith was reappointed clerk of Ministry and Counsel, to serve 1 year.

Business concluded, we adjourned.

Ruth C. Smith
clerk

P.S. It was suggested we contact members not attending church, to invite them to worship with us on a regular basis.

October 11, 1972.

On October 11, 1972 the committee of ministry and counsel met at the home of Lawrence and Ruth Smith. There were 4 members and the monthly mtg. clerk, Bessie Evers, present.

We were reminded of the purpose of ministry and counsel whose primary functions are to oversee and to nurture the spiritual life of the "meeting".

Minutes were read of the last meeting.

A report was given of the yearly mtg. committee on min. and counsel. They met and discussed the marriage enrichment program held in New England during the past year. It was felt to be helpful and further seminars will meet this year at designated places throughout New England.

On Nov. 4th, an all day meeting of ministry and counsel will be held in Dover, N. Hampshire. ^(Min. + Counsel) Members of local meetings are urged to attend.

There was a concern raised for longer silent periods in the morning worship services. The clerk was instructed to speak to our minister, Douglas Anderson.

Ways were explored to resist-
alizing our meeting and it was
decided to 'phone or write ^{person} at-
tendees and members, inviting
them to come back and work
shop with us.

Business being accomplished,
and adjourned.

Ruth B. Smith
clerk

Feb. 14, 1973.

1) 14th, 1973, at the home of Lewiston and Ruth Smith. There were 6 present.

The meeting opened with the reading of a passage from Wm. Penn's writings on the "noblest of a speech".

minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved.

Various workshops, under the leadership of J. M. N. on min. & Counsel were brought to the attention of the members present. One held in Nov. in Dover, N. H. was attended by Eunice Strobel and Ruth Smith. The discussion was on how to make min. & Counsel more responsive to the spiritual needs of the friends in the ^{local} ch. Another workshop was held Jan. 13, 1973 in Worcester, Mass. to discuss program planning for J. M. N.

There is to be a worship - sharing weekend on "Deepening our spiritual pilgrimage", open to anyone in the yearly mtg. It will be held March 30th to April 1st in Lincoln, Mass.

Bernice Streibel voiced a concern over the lack of membership training in the mtg. To help correct this we will order 15 Faith + Practice books to instruct members and future members on the ideals and responsibilities of Quakers, so further help people to learn of the Quaker faith. Bernice and Bessie Green will present short talks ~~on~~ ^{at} some of the worship services in the near future.

members of min. Council were requested to write a paragraph on a designated subject from Faith and Practice, concerning the State of Society of our mtg. We will gather at a near future meeting to combine our ideas into a report.

There was a discussion of the future need to fill our pulpit in Sept. 1973. Two books will be followed up before going into it more extensively.

The clerk of monthly mtgs, & spouse of the coming 2tg. mtg. which our church will host on April 21st, she will endeavor to get a speaker

for the program.

Ruth Smith was re-appointed
clerk of min. + counsel for 1
year.

Business being accomplished
we adjourned.

Ruth E. Smith
clerk

March 26, 1973.

ministry and counsel met March
26th at Lauriston Smith's home. There
were 3 members present. The clerk
opened the meeting with a poem
entitled "Faith", by Roy Z. Kemp.
The minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved.

15 copies of Faith and Practice
have been received. New members
will be given a copy to further
their knowledge of Friends' ideals.
Other members may have one on
request. (\$1.50 per copy).

It was suggested we have a
book shelf for members and at-
tenders to avail themselves of good
books that anyone would might
come to contribute.

Much of the evening was given
over to writing the state of the
Society report for 1972. After much
thought, it was accomplished and

will be read at the March
28th monthly mtg. for their
action.

There was no report on
our future ministerial need. The
two leads have not materialized as
yet.

Business being accomplished,
we adjourned.

Ruth E. Smith
clerk min. Council

July 1, 1973.

ministry + Council met after
the worship service to interview
George Pattergen from Boston University.
He is a candidate for our pastoral
vacancy in September. We were
very pleased with his message
and outgoing personality. However
no decision was reached on hiring
him as we plan to hear another
candidate first.

July 2, 1973.

A letter was received from
Gregory Harrison, another candidate.
His financial requests were turned
over to the financial committee to
consider. They felt we just
could not afford his terms.
Perhaps we can negotiate with him
further in September.

Ruth E. Smith, clerk min. Council

July 12, 1973.

1) Ministry & Council met with Gregory Harrison in Bernie Stuber's home to further negotiate with him regarding filling our vacancy in the pulpit. After much discussion, it was felt we could consider him as he was willing to take a \$2,000.00 July salary instead of the \$2400 paid the present pastor, also the \$55.00 ^{monthly} travel allowance was cut out. In return we

will bear the passage and pay utility bills. A minimal allowance of 10¢ mile on ^{our} use for meeting business was agreed upon. Two Sundays in winter season will be granted for vacation, plus two Sundays in June or July. Gregory agreed to pay the supply preachers' salary for the two summer Sundays, yearly amt. Sunday plus the Sundays in August and 1st Sunday in September will be granted as vacation. Blue Cross will be paid for.

Ministry and Council rec-

2) recommended we hire him for our part-time minister, starting in September.

Beth C. Smith

clerk min. & Council

July 23, 1973.

Eugene Harrison was ap-
proved as our ^{next-time} pastor, by a
^{joint session of men & women} special monthly meeting held
after the worship service on
Sunday July 22nd. He will
start his duties on Sept. 9, 1973.

Ruth E. Smith, clerk

November 16, 1973.

A meeting of ministry and council
opened with silent meditation on
the evening of November 16th, held
at the home of Harrison & Ruth Smith.
There were 6 present, including
Eugene Harrison, our minister.
Ministry and Council queries were
read by the clerk.

A booklet entitled "The Gospel
according to Friends" was read
aloud by some of the members
present. It is an essay on
re-discovering our Quaker identity.
The group appeared buying 50
copies to distribute among the
membership and attendees of
the church.

A minute from the Calif. yearly
mtg of Friends has been received.
In it, they question whether all
"young & small" were mentioned

- Meetings in Friends United
meeting have the centrality
of Jesus Christ in their Quaker
Faith. They are deeply troubled
by the lack of loyalty to Christ
in some of the member meetings,
as far as the Woon. meeting on
min. & counsel, it was the consen-
sus of opinion that we do rec-
ognize the centrality of Christ in
our religion. an attempt at
further study on this subject
among the larger body of our
church will be explored.
ministry and counsel clerk was
instructed to write Virginia
Howe, chairman yearly mtg. m.c.
giving her the views of our m.c.
on this subject.

Iregany Harrison will be
absent from the pulpit on Dec.
30th. He suggests a worship
service under the care of min.
& counsel.

Bernice Stuebel suggested
having monthly mtg. after the
church worship service instead
of the last Wed. evening of the
month. It would incorporate a
luncheon with the business
meeting.

our business being accomplished,
we adjourned.

Beth C. Smith, clerk.

February 22, 1974.

Six members of Ministry and Counsel, including Gregory Harrison, attended the February 21st meeting, held in Lauriston and Ruth Smith's home. A silent prayer opened the session. Each member read a Devotion on Min. and Counsel, reminding ourselves of the Christian goals we should strive for.

The State of the Society report for 1973 was written by those present and will be presented to monthly mtg. for approval. A copy will be sent to Quarterly and yearly mtgs.

A questionnaire on membership in the Religious Society of Friends was filled out. It concerned questions as to the feeling of what membership in the Quaker faith means to our meeting. July mtg. Com. on Min. & Counsel requested our co-operation in giving our opinions on this matter.

A minute with the request for the recording of gifts in Ministry on the part of Gregory Harrison will be submitted to Quarterly mtg. Com. on Min. & Counsel for action. Worcester mtg. of which he is a member, will be consulted also.

Six responses were received to date concerning the Calif. July mtg. minute and were forwarded to Jeanette Smith, chairman of the committee studying that concern.

Gregory Harrison voiced a concern regarding the largeness of the seating capacity of the church, in comparison to our small numbers. He would like to make it more compact by removing and rearranging ^{some of} the pews.

On March 24th, Gregory will be on vacation. He plans to ask Robert Cook to occupy the pulpit on that date.

The monthly mtgs. for business, held after the worship service each last Sunday in the month, have proved popular. There is better attendance than at the former Wed. evening session. A luncheon and social hour is enjoyed after the business is accomplished.

Ruth E. Smith
clerk

April 23, 1974.

A meeting of ministry and counsel ^(4 present) was called to consider the resignation of our pastor Gregory Harrison. Due to reasons not connected with the church, he felt compelled to resign. Ministry and counsel ^{church} was instructed to write him, expressing our regret.

It was decided to write B. A. Anderson - Newton Theology School and Barrington College, seeking a replacement. Also Andrew Greenblatt ^{Friends with Director} and Louis ^{Director} Martellou, Field Sec. have been contacted to help us in finding a minister.

Regarding the previous meetings' concern about making Gregory Harrison a recorded minister. Betty goes church of the Worcester meeting where Gregory belongs was contacted, and we await her action.

A family Sunday will be held May 12th at the worship service. Hopefully, many will attend.

Laura Follett was the hostess of the meeting, held in her home.

Business being accomplished we adjourned.

With C. Smith, clerk

April 25, 1974.

On April 25th a letter was received from Richard L. Floyd, a student at Andover-Newton Theological School, applying for our minister's post which is to become vacant August 31st with the resignation of Gregory Harrison.

He was invited to speak in our church June 30th.

Later at a special meeting of monthly meeting, Richard Floyd was appointed to be our next minister to start in September, 1974.

Ruth E. Smith

Chair of mem. & Counsel

January 15, 1975,

a meeting of ministry and
counsel was held, January 15th in
the home of Laurence and Ruth Smith.
There were 6 members present in-
cluding 2 of the newly appointed people.

We were reminded of the purpose
and duties of ministry and counsel.
Ministry and Counsel verses were
read and considered.

Ruth E. Smith was reappointed
clerk to serve 1 year.

Richard Floyd reported through
Ruth Smith that there was a
possibility he would return next
fall to continue his ministry
with us. In any event he
would let us know his decision
in time for us to seek another
should he not be able to return.

A letter was read from Elton
Trueblood in which he told of a
Ronald Bracewell who might be
interested in filling our pulpit,
should Richard Floyd be unable
to stay.

The "State of the Society" report
was written by those present. All
contributed their feelings and
ideas to make a realistic statement.

A concern was voiced to ask
the minister to speak louder when
delivering his sermon. Also a request to
remain seated for the second hymn.

song in the worship service.

Business being accomplished,
we adjourned.

Ruth C. Smith
clerk

May 10, 1975.

At the March Monthly mtg.,
Richard Lloyd submitted his resig-
nation as minister of our church,
to be effective August 31st., 1975.

A letter was sent out by
the clerk of ministry and council
to 3 colleges, namely: Andover-New-
ton Theological School, Boston univer-
sity and Bavington College, ^{near a Boston}

Three possible candidates have
replied. Three from Andover-New-
ton, and two from Boston University.
We have interviewed and heard
a message from Larry Spoken
from Boston University last April
20th, Walter Y. Josephson, a freshman
at Andover-Newton, who will be
coming to give a spiritual message
on June 1st, and on May 7th
min. & Council talked with

Robert Morse, from Boston University
Graduate School, studying for a Ph.D.

in new testament. There were
probable plans for him to come
June 5th to speak. The other two
candidates have "bowed out" due to
deciding on other positions. (over 2000)

Six members of min. + Council attended the May 9th mtg. which was held in the recreation room of the church. Eunice Strobel chaired the session.

Respectfully submitted
Beth C. Smith

June 1, 1975.

A letter was received from Robert Nyase, on May 18th, saying he would not be a candidate for our ministry. He felt our membership was too widely scattered and he would not have a sense of belonging to the church community. Also a letter was received from Boston University School of Theology regarding an evaluation of his ^(many offerings) Semester II field education experience. He received an excellent evaluation.

We are awaiting another resume' from a probable candidate from Indiana. Ministry and Council will make a decision regarding that matter at the next meeting.

Yesterday, on June 1st, we heard Walter Josephson, Jr., a candidate from Nebraska, planning to move to this area to start his theological career at Indiana Newton.

Beth C. Smith, clines

Ministry & Council will
make a recommendation
to the monthly mtg. regarding
the candidates, within a short
time.

Respectfully submitted

Beth C. Smith

June 3, 1975.

at a meeting of Ministry and
Council, the group approved calling
Larry Spelman to be our pastor,
beginning in September, 1975. He
will be a 3rd year student at
the Boston University of Theology in
the fall. In the event he cannot
accept our position, we will seek
Walter Josephson, Jr. or another.

Beth C. Smith, clerk led
the group in reading the Ministry
and Council Minutes. All present
expressed a wish to line up to
them and thus grow spiritually.

A concern was raised that
hopefully the new minister would be able
to revive the youth group and
form a nucleus for a future
congregation in the church.

The seven members concluded the
business and departed to their respective homes
Beth C. Smith, clerk

July 23/75.

On July 23rd, two members of ministry and counsel met with a candidate, John Stroup, from Warren, Ohio. He suggested we share him with another church in Plympton, Mass. at the monthly mtg. it was decided to explore other candidates before making a choice. Previous candidates Larry Spraker and Walter Josephson Jr. sent requests saying they had accepted other positions.

Aug. 4, 1975.

On August 4th, five members of ministry and counsel met with a woman candidate, namely Kate Hill. She is a graduate of Anderson Newton Theological School. The committee recommended we hear her speak at a worship service in September.

also the minister at Blackstone Federated Church is seeking another church to serve. The committee plans to hear him at his church or invite him to speak at ours in Sept.

Ruth E. Smith

Chairs of Min. & Counsel

Sept. 9, 1975

Ministry and Counsel met at 7:30 in the Meeting House to interview a candidate for our part-time pastorate, and to discuss other alternatives in filling the position.

Richard Skedmore visited with the 7 members present, with questions being asked on both sides pertaining to the job and his abilities. He was invited to candidate at the Sunday morning service on Sept. 14th.

another candidate, namely Kate Hill, preached the sermon on Sept. 7th. She will be contacted after we make a decision among the candidates.

other persons wishing to be considered are Edward Berry of the Blackstone Fed. Church and Ann Calderone, a sister of Nancy in the Roman Catholic faith.

We adjourned to meet Sunday, Sept. 14th, after the Worship Service.

Ruth C. Smith
Clerk of Min + Counsel

Sept. 14, 1975.

Ministry and Counsel met after the close of the worship service, to decide on a recommendation of a pastor.

after reviewing the candidates under consideration, it was the sense of the meeting that we recommend Richard Skidmore to be our pastor for a year or longer if circumstances permit.

a poll of the monthly mtg. was taken over the phone and all members contacted agreed with the recommendation.

Beith C. Smith
clerk of ministry &
counsel

November 13, 1975

Ministry and Counsel met Nov. 13th at the home of Lauriston and Ruth Smith. There were 5 members, 1 guest, and our minister, Richard Skidmore, present.

The meeting opened with a few moments of silent prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The clerk read the purpose and duties of Ministry and Counsel, from Faith and Practice. Exercises on Ministry and Counsel were read and considered.

There was a discussion on the 1976 Chain of Prayer, under the direction of Friends' rented meeting. It was agreed to recommend to Monthly Mtg. that we participate this year. The plan is to enlist 12 or more persons to pray 2 hours each for a period of 24 hours, either in their own home or at the Meeting House. It will be from noon to noon, culminating in the worship service. The dates are either March 27+28 as first choice or Feb. 28+29th, as second.

Richard Skidmore plans to write a letter to members and attendees offering counsel on any problems they might have. Also he will suggest a study group for adults be formed, in the letter. He requested a list of members and attendees who have

not been attending church of late. He plans to visit them, suggesting they return and worship with us each Sunday.

Our Deacons told about the American Friends Service Committee taking a stand on providing humanitarian aid to North and South Vietnam. At the present time our government is against this action. The Providence branch of Amer. Friends Service tried to present their plan to aid Vietnam to Lincoln Almond, District Attorney-General, but he refused to meet with them. Consequently, they mailed a petition, signed by 73 Rhode Islanders, to our government in Washington ^{informed} of their decision to send aid to Vietnam, whether or not it is regarded as illegal.

A concern was voiced about the organ prelude being too long. It cuts the time of the silent meditation period which is so dear to most friends. The organist will be consulted about giving her selection before the start of the service.

Another concern was voiced on hymnals received as a gift from another church. There are too many of them and they have a musty smell. It was recommended we keep a few and dispose of the rest. Business accomplished we adjourned.
Beth Smith, Clerk

February 19, 1970

Assembly and Council met at 7:30 p.m.
3 members were present with Richard Skidmore,
pastor, depending on us from Woonsocket
High School media and control.

The Minutes were read and discussed.

The State of the Society Report was
prepared.

The 1970 Chain of Prayer which stretches
across the United States and is linked
with African meetings will be shared
by the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends
from noon on March 20 to noon on March 21.
We will attempt to have the talent, four
hours covered by members and attendees
in one hour "watched" either at the
Meeting House or in the home, or
where ever members might be.
Letters will be sent out and Richard
Skidmore will contact the Woonsocket
Clergymen's Association to request
participation from their churches.

April 29, 1976

A meeting of Ministry and Council -
Five members were present as
well as Richard Skidmore, pastor.

Applications for pastoral
candidates were reviewed
and a tentative schedule to
hear these candidates was discussed.
John Hutchison has withdrawn his
application.

Bessie Ewen will write to
Ralph Green, Quaker pastor
who is serving in Connecticut
with a Congregational Church.
He would like to be assigned
to a Friends Meeting.

Melita and Nellie Fisher have
been in correspondence with
Elton Truelock regarding
Mark Talbot at St. Louis University.
The Fishers will ask him to
write giving a resume.

Ann de Veners will contact
Louis Harstaller regarding
a missionary couple now
retiring from work in
Jamaica. (This was done and
Louis M. telephoned - later
contacts with the Ministry and
Council indicated we should
not contact this couple at
this time since we have
a number of applications on
hand.

Mike and Judy Maladen
to be at meeting on May 16.

The Ministry and Council
received a letter from Eva Fournier
asking to be received into
membership of the Smithfield
Monthly Meeting of Friends.

This committee recommends
that she be received into
membership on Mother's Day,
May 9. A special meeting
will be called to ask approval
of monthly meeting. (Approved).

Bessie Ewen reports
that Ralph Green and she
chose a ^{date} when he will
bring a message to the
meeting. (Later: He was unable
to come on this date.)

June 14, 1976

Mark R. Talbot referred to
our meeting through Elton
Trueblood spoke at Sunday
meeting on June 13, 1976.

Ministry and Council met
on this date at the Meeting
House to prayerfully decide
between Mark and Michael
Maladen. The meeting was
well attended.

After Thoughtful and caring

deliberation, the decision
was made to invite
Mike Meladen to serve
as pastor for the
Smithfield monthly meeting.
Mark Talbot was personally
notified.

Ministry and Council Meetings

Nov 22, 1976

welcome Mike

1. The Joint Christian Social Concerns Committee and The Meeting Ministries Commission of Friends United Meeting have sent us an enquiry regarding our activities in the area of Alcoholism.

- send brief description of meetings involvement in response to alcohol abuse and the poverty of migrant workers -

Responses will be shared as guides to those wanting to know how to be involved

A sermon - ?

Our Meeting House available to A4

2. The appeal for reconciliation

Help in getting petitions signed

* Ask about The 1.00 Contribution

3. Chain of Prayer

4. Bessie's concern

- inner memo
in the negative
- so we are now
aware - and their
memos made

No migrant workers
in the immediate
area -

Making common
knowledge of where
people can find help.

telmed tapes.

Guidance

Last Sat 26-27 -

Send To

Pres Elder
Dunning Carter
B-1 Bomber
Chaffee John
1760
Happell

Heckman
Reconnaissance
the Nammas

November 22, 1976

The Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at the home of Van de Veners.

Michael Meladen the new pastor was welcomed to this committee.

The Joint Christian Social Concerns Committee and the meeting of Minister Commission of Friends United Meeting have sent us an inquiry regarding our activities in the area of alcoholism. We sent a brief description to them in response to alcohol abuse and the poverty of migrant workers. We feel we are

more aware of these social concerns since discussing and responding to their inquiry. We have no migrant workers in the immediate area. We will make a point of helping people in the meeting to know where help in these areas can be found & how. They know of individuals who might need this information.

We discussed the appeal petition for reconciliation in Vietnam & petitions are now being circulated.

We have decided to again be a part of the Chain of Prayer established through Friends United Meeting. We will request the next Saturday and Sunday of March, the 26th and 27th.

We discussed a concern for
a young family in the meeting
who needs our support in many
ways.

Agenda Feb. 15, 1977

For

Robert Cool's letter

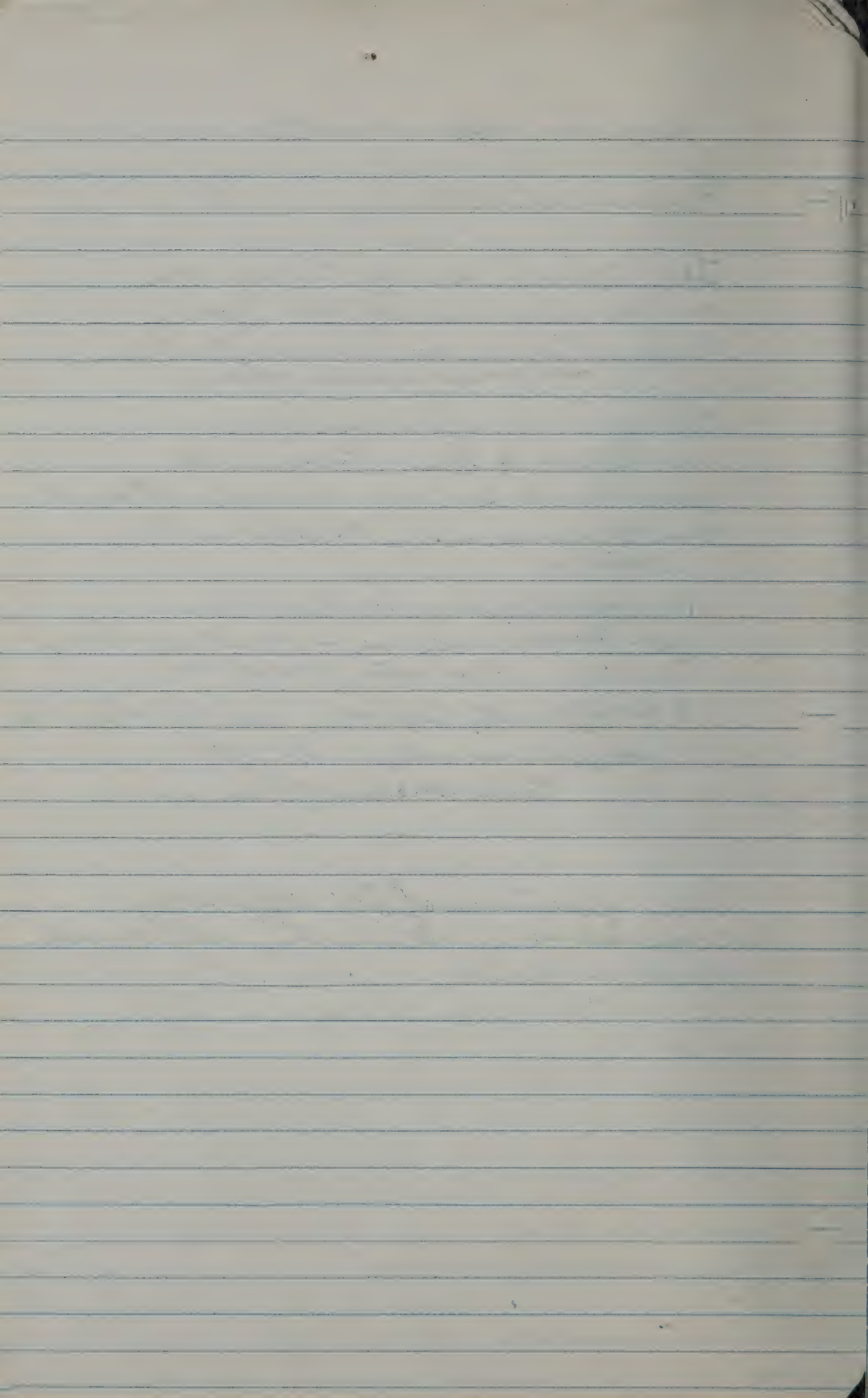
The Questionnaire for the Sub-comm
on Advancement of the Yearly
Meeting Comm on Ministry and Council
mtg. for Sept. to decide write -

The question of extending an
invitation to Andy Trannell
Youngs Friends Soc. and Ministry and Council
Come to meeting - Mike will
call -

Proposed queries and advances
for Friends meeting - A meeting for study?
Plan mtg. end of May

State of Society Report see Faith & Life p. 236
to go to me. mtg. June 3/1
Letter on Chain of Prayer

The Question of the offering
Recommended by Ministry and Council
- plates in books.



State of the Society

In 1976 we welcomed a new minister, Michael Meladen who contributes to our vibrant growth.

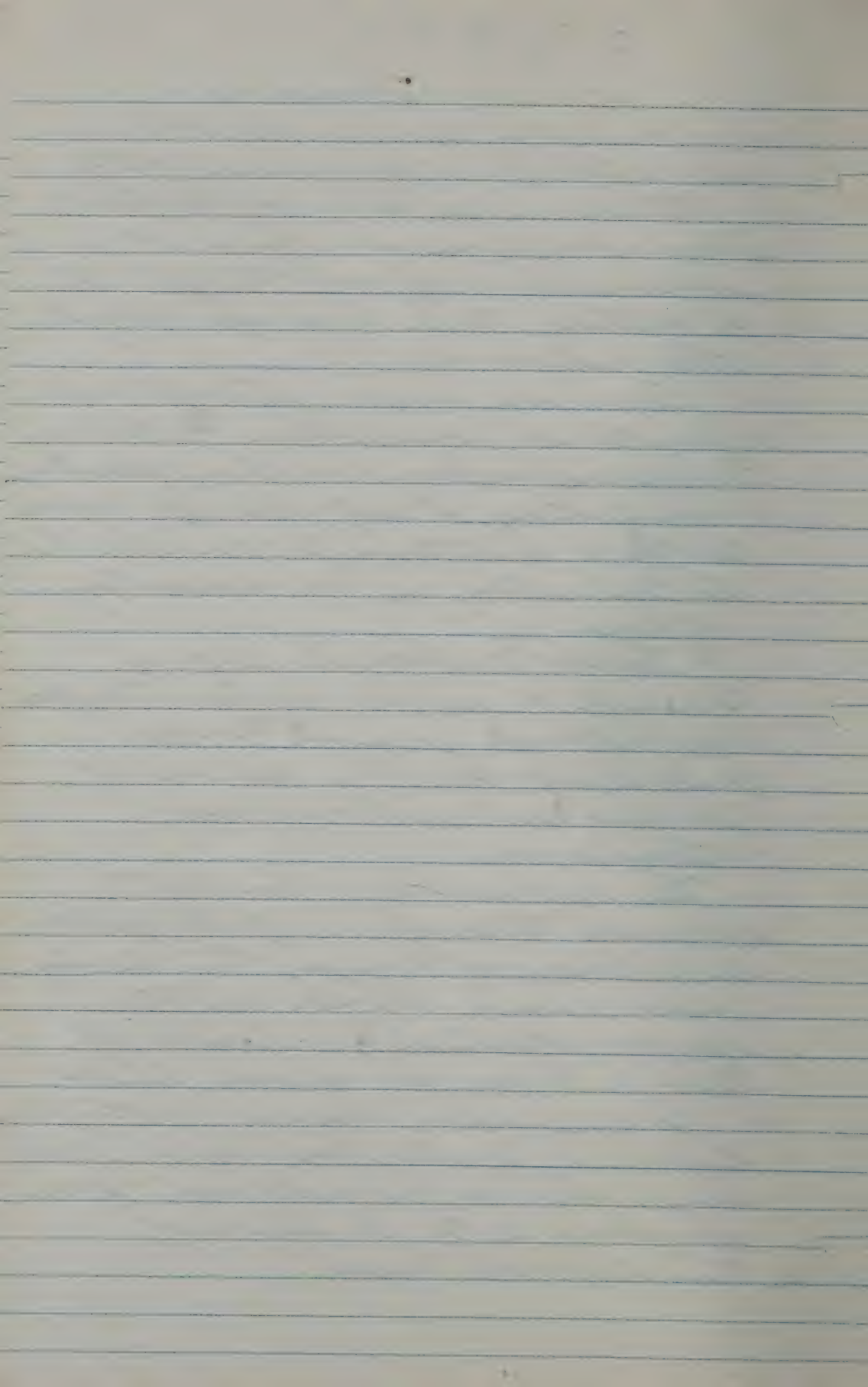
Attendance has decreased slightly because aging members find it increasingly difficult to get out to Meeting. Their love and interest still nurture us.

There is a deeper, stronger sense of sustained love within the Meeting. This caring has been building gradually, manifesting itself through service to others and through commitment to the Meeting as a community of love.

First Day School is going through a period of revitalization. New material presents Quaker philosophy and the role of teachers has created a new enthusiasm.

We experienced a reverent closeness through our participation in the Chain of Prayer. This moving event seemed to open us to a deeper spiritual awareness of God, a Presence in our midst.

We sense a renewed motivation to live by Quaker principles. This is evidenced in outreach, our response to the demands of these troubled times.



6/6/77

Ministry and Council met
to decide on asking Michael
Miladen to serve as minister
another year. The members
agreed wholeheartedly to ask
Michael if he would so serve.

The program by showing slides
of Paddle Hill,

Mike Meladen asked about the
possibility of inviting Paul Gillespie
of K.F. Council of Churches to our meeting.
It was suggested that the last Sunday
in January would be a desirable date.

There was some discussion of how
this meeting became a programmed meeting.

Ministry and Council began the evening
by a moment of silence and the reading
of the queries. We concluded with silence.

Ann de Vener

Actually these are the minutes of two meetings. No minutes were recorded for one of the meetings so this is a composite.

(April, 1978)

Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held (at the home of Kenneth and Eunice Strobel.) Those present were Ann de Nevers, Bessie Ewen, Lauriston Smith, Ruth C. Smith, Kenneth and Eunice Strobel.

Eunice Strobel was asked to be clerk for the ensuing year. This was approved.

It was reported that following a meeting with Michael Wiladen he has agreed to remain as pastor for next year - Sept. 1978 - Aug. 1979. We are pleased.

It was decided that we should meet at least every two months - next meeting to be Tues. June 6th.

Chain of Prayer was held on March 11th - 12th, 1978, ending with an unprogrammed meeting from 11:00 to 12:00 on the 12th (Sunday). Some spoke of a deepening sense of worship.

A letter from Robert Cool was received. He asks to transfer his membership to Prov. Monthly Meeting. It is approved to forward this to Monthly Meeting with the suggestion that it be done.

Kenneth Strobel resigns from this comm. and Ann de Nevers will take his place for a one year term.

A short discussion of membership was held and it was decided to continue this discussion at our next meeting.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

June 6, 1978

Ministry and Counsel held a meeting at the home of Kenneth and Eunice Strobel. Those present were Ruth and Lauriston Smith, Ann deNevers, Michael Meladin and Eunice Strobel.

Agendas for Ministry and Counsel were read. Minutes of last meeting were read and corrections made.

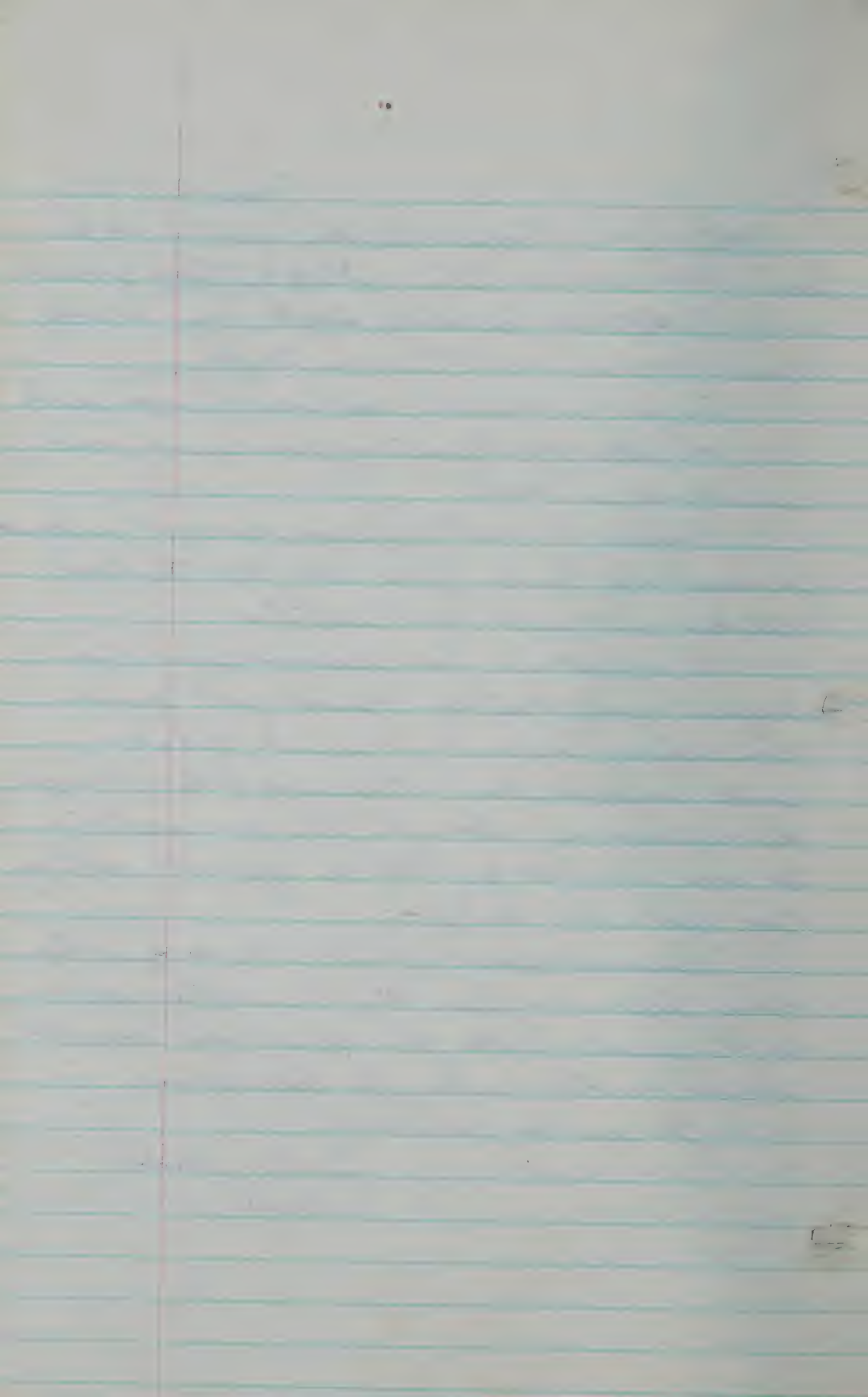
Friends General Conference has sent a request for membership figures from 1974-1977. Michael Meladin will send these statistics.

A request has been received from New England Yearly Meeting - Ministry and Counsel concerning outreach. Michael Meladin will answer this. This was followed by a discussion on "outreach" for our meeting. It was decided to hold a special meeting for just this subject.

Ann deNevers would like to give the money left over from the counselling service to the paint fund. This should be brought before Monthly Meeting for discussion.

The meeting concluded.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk



Sept. 12, 1978

Ministry and Counsel met at the home of Eunice Strobel. Those present were Michael Miladin, Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Laura Tollett, Ann de Nevers, Nellie Fisher, and Eunice Strobel and Bessie Ewen.

Children's Queries were read and discussed.

Michael Miladin brought ideas and approximate costs for some types of outreach within the community. It was decided to explore the possibility of a brochure, signs for intersections near the meeting house and notices in the local newspapers. The clerk is to ask Monthly Meeting for advice on going ahead with these.

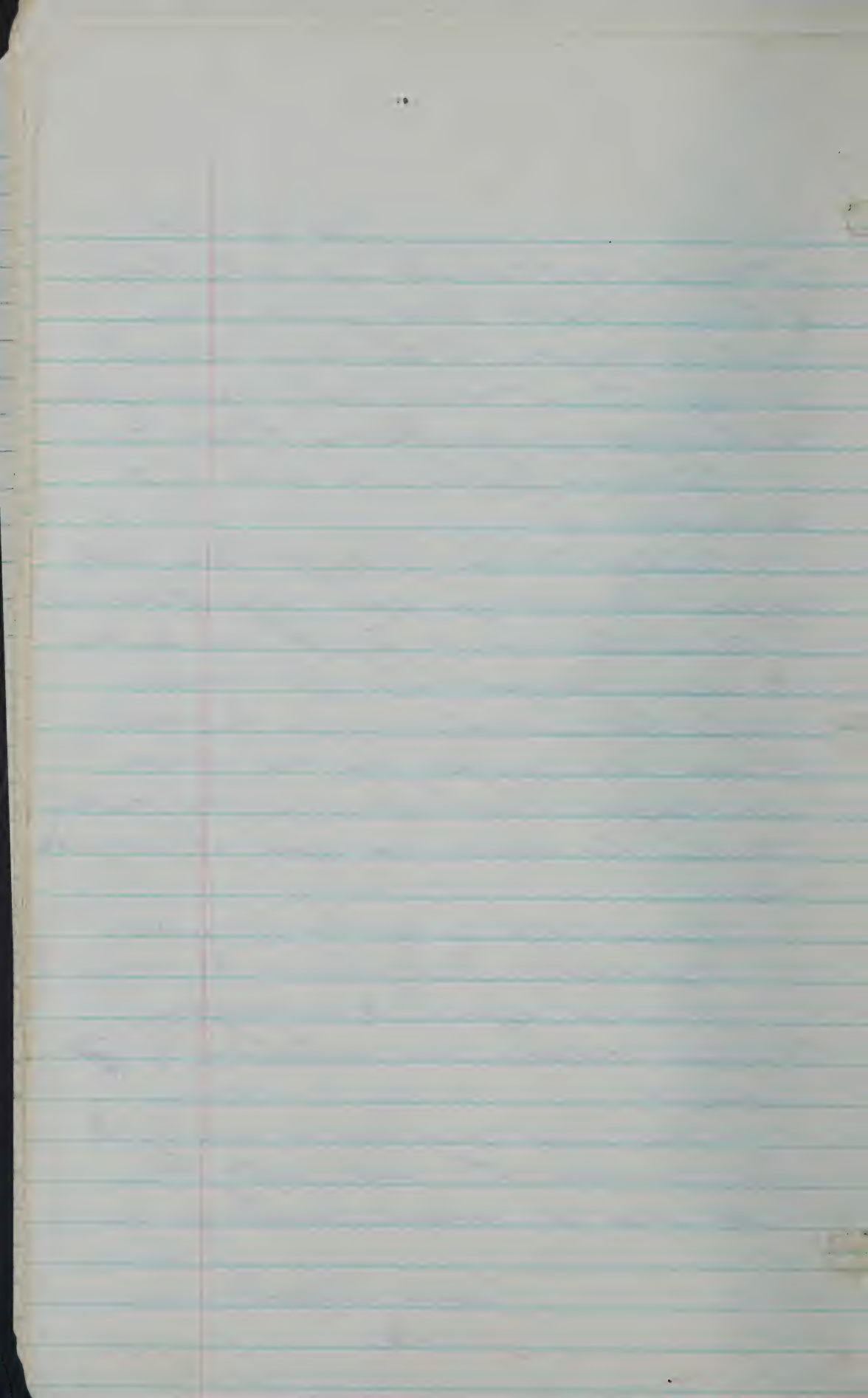
A newsletter was also discussed.

Membership list should be reviewed.

Members offered to accompany Michael Miladin on visitations if ~~he~~ wished.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14th and could be set up as a seekers' meeting.

Eunice Strobel
clerk



Nov. 14, 1978.

Ministry and Counsel met at the parsonage with Michael Meladen as host. In the absence of the clerk, Ruth Smith was appointed clerk, pro tem. There were six present, including Michael, Ruth Lawton Smith, Ann de-venus, Beacie Ewen & Louise Corrigan. The meeting opened with a short period of meditation.

After receiving the approval of monthly mtg, Michael Meladen went ahead with his ideas and plans to place notices of Quaker Worship in local newspapers, also, ²⁰⁰ brochures are being printed to inform interested people about our Friends meeting and worship. In addition, signs will be placed at intersections to point the way to our Quaker church, in the near future.

4. A request was received to use the church for a wedding Dec. 23rd. After Michael Meladen consults with the couple, he and Rev. Harvey of the Cong. Church will jointly take part in the ceremony. Jennifer Massey, daughter of Robert & Barbara Massey, is one of the principals.

The annual chain of Prayer which stretches across united states and is linked with african meetings will be observed in our church the weekend of march 31st + april 1st. an alternative date is april 7th + 8th. Bessie Ewen will make arrangements.

Michael Meladin spoke of his efforts to balance silent worship and the spoken word, members agreed he does well in this area. He also suggested a possibility of a 9 o'clock unprogrammed worship service, followed by a coffee hour and the usual 11 o'clock programmed meeting in an effort to meet the ^{spiritual} needs of everyone.

The membership list was reviewed and men + women members will contact some with regard to their interest in the meeting.

Business being concluded, we adjourned.

Keith E. Smith
Clerk Pro Tem

January 9, 1979

The committee on Ministry and Counsel met on January 9th, 1979 at the home of Kenneth and Eunice Strobel. The following were present: Lauriston and Ruth Smith, Bessie Even, Laura Follett, Martha Smith, Edmund Hebert, Marjorie Doyle and Eunice Strobel. Michael Meladin had to leave before the meeting started because of illness in his family.

The Queries for this committee were read and a silent period observed.

Eunice Strobel was asked to be clerk for the calendar year 1979.

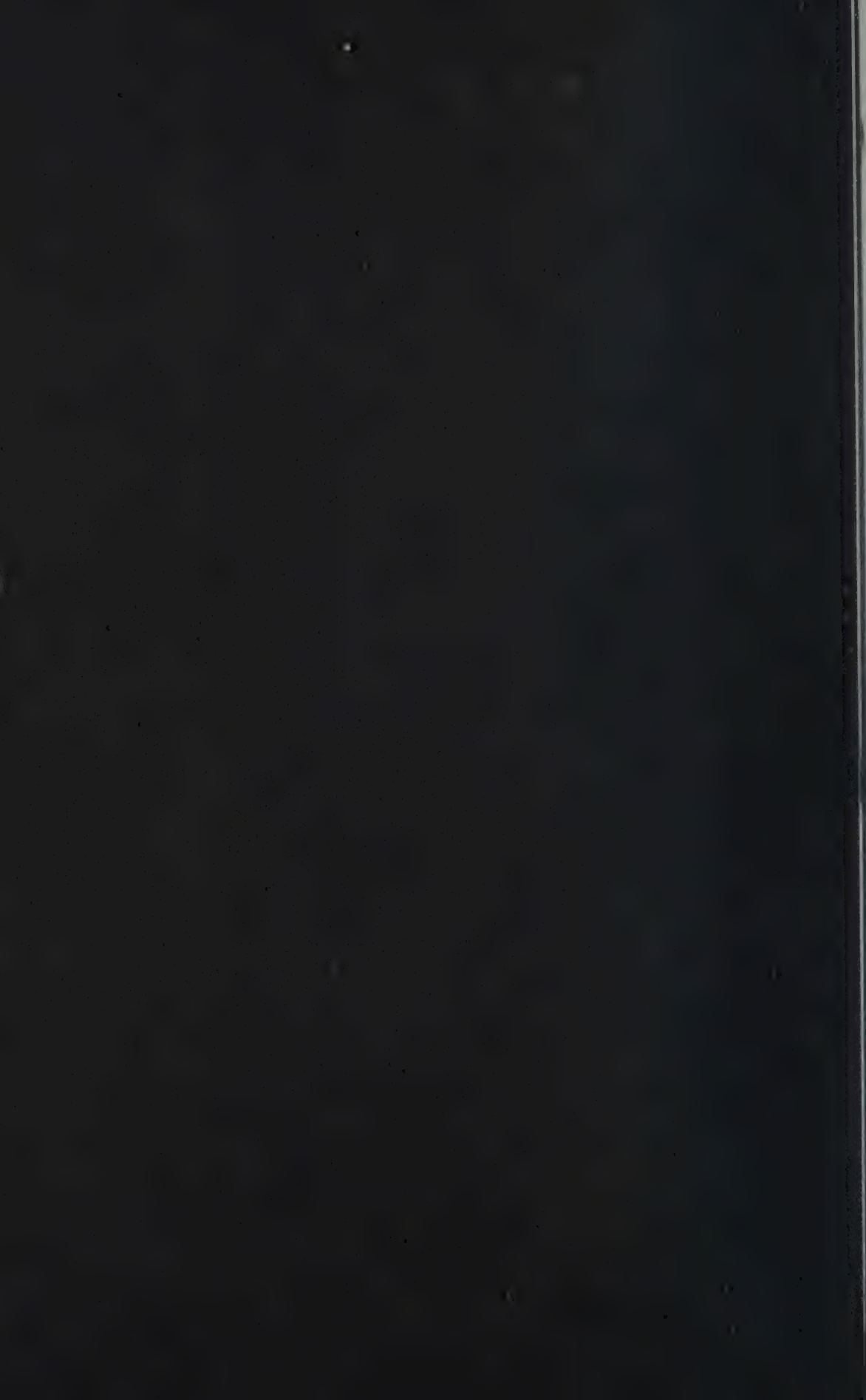
The list of members will continue to be a concern of this committee. It is suggested that we write a letter to those members who live away from the community and contact some local members personally.

A discussion of the chain of prayer plans followed. It was decided to send out a mailing based on some of the information received from Friends United Meeting. Martha Smith and Laura Follett will write some guide lines we can use at the next committee meeting. We decided to ask Michael Meladin to be the contact person.

Concerning a pastor for 1979-80, it was decided to ask Michael Meladin to stay on. Bessie Even will do this. Eunice Strobel will acknowledge Elton Trueblood's letter asking us to consider Mark Talbot as pastor for next year. We agree to also contact Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Boston University and Barrington College. Clerk of this committee is to be contact person for applications.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk



State of Society Report

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends Woonsocket, R.I.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends has experienced fellowship of great warmth and caring within the meeting for worship. Members and attendees share in pastoral and, occasionally, unprogrammed meetings. Responsibility for spiritual growth has been accepted by individuals and the meeting has benefited. Our older members continue to support us with their presence and wisdom.

Basic Quaker principles have been re-examined in the light of the modern age under the leadership of Michael Wilhelm, our pastor. Children have taken part in meeting for worship through music and sharing in a special message by the pastor. There is also an active Sunday School of about 15 children from pre-school and including junior-high students.

Our outreach into the community has included publishing times of meeting in local newspapers; a new brochure about the meeting was ~~published~~ printed and distributed inviting people to experience Quaker worship.

Within Quaker circles our members continue to be active on various Yearly Meeting committees. Participation in F. H. M. Chain of prayer on March 11 and 12, 1978 was a meaningful and enriching experience for all those who were involved. One member of this meeting attended F. H. M. Triennial sessions in Oskaloosa, Iowa and reported back on United Meeting activities.

Committee on Ministry and Counsel
Eunice Strobel, Clerk
March 14, 1979

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March 14, 1979

Bessie Ewen reports that Michael Meladin will not be staying at Smithfield Monthly Meeting after August 30th. He will contact Andover Newton Theological Seminary for prospective candidates for this position. It is suggested that we contact the Finance Committee to determine what the salary should be and what other financial ^{arrangements} ~~arrangements~~ we can offer a candidate.

Letter concerning place of children in New England Yearly Meeting was read. After discussion it was decided to delay action until the May meeting.

A letter concerning advancement - outreach - inreach is read. We will send copies of our brochure. Michael Meladin will take care of this correspondence.

A letter to members who have not been active in Smithfield Monthly Meeting recently was written by Ruth C. Smith and approved. It will be included with the mailing of for Chain of Prayer.

Discussion of the upcoming Chain of Prayer - April 7 and 8 - was held. Mailings are ready to go. It is suggested

that we ask Ruth L. Smith to
coordinate music as part of this
prayer experience and ask any
others to share in the music.

The state of society report was written
and will be forwarded to clerk of
Quarterly Meeting.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

May 22^d

Ministry and Counsel Committee met at the home of the clerk. Michael Miladin, Martha Smith, Laura Follett, Anne de Nevers, Ruth C. Smith, Lauriston Smith and Eunice Strobel attended.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter concerning the role of children in our meetings and the larger fellowship of Friends was discussed. It was decided to ask the members and attenders to give us comments on this and we will try to get a consensus to forward to Yearly Meeting.

We have been asked to consider any changes we may have for the Faith and Practice Revision Comm. There are almost no guidelines for pastoral meetings. We will try to learn more about the first section of the London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice before discussing it.

A letter has been received from Laurel Sakarason who is applying for the pastorate. Eunice Strobel is asked to write to her telling her of our interest in her application. Michael Miladin is asked to

contact Boston University and Harvard Divinity School for any other persons who could be interested.

Ann de Nevers has a contact with the Hospital Chaplains. She will inquire from them about possible candidates.

The clerk is asked to contact Mark Talbot inviting him and his family to worship with us while they are in Rhode Island and asking him if he would be interested if there were no candidates who needed the financial security more than he does.

The next meeting will be held at the call of the clerk.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

June 3, 1979

A short meeting at the rise of meeting for worship approves asking Laurel Sakariason to speak on June 10th, 1979

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

June 13, 1979

Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was held at the Strobel's home.

Minutes were read and approved.

Marjorie Doyle, Edmund Heber, Bessie Ewen, Michael Miladin, Lauriston Smith, Ann de Nevers and Eunice Strobel attended.

Discussion was held on further candidates for the position of pastor. Michael Miladin tells us that all theological seminaries are recessed for the summer so it is not probable that we can get any more candidates from Andover Newton, B.H. or Harvard at this time.

A telephone call was put in to Louis Maustaller and we talked to his wife Clarabelle. She had no one who was looking for a job in New England.

Michael Miladin is asked to contact Laurel Sakariason to say we are still interested but would like to hear other candidates if possible.

June 24th is to be an unprogrammed meeting as Michael Miladin will be out of town as a candidate for another pastorate.

Next meeting will be held on July 17th or earlier if there is a candidate to

be heard.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

July 17, 1979

The Committee for Ministry and Counsel met July 17th at the home of Kenneth and Eunice Strobel. Those present were Louise Corrigan, Ann de Nevers, Michael Miladen, Ruth Smith, Lauriston Smith, Laura Tollett, Bessie Even and Eunice Strobel.

After a brief discussion it was approved to invite Laurel Sakariason to be our minister starting September 9, 1979. We would like to meet with her for discussion at a time convenient for her. Ministry and Counsel would like to speak to the following:

Sunday service

Visitation of shut-ins and others

Co-operation with Christian Educ. Comm.

Represent the meeting in the community as we all do.

6 weeks notice for the pastor or the meeting if a change is to be made.

Attend Monthly meeting; and Committee meeting if practical.

Our work being accomplished we adjourn leaving the next meeting to the call of the clerk.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

October 2, 1979

The Committee for Ministry and Counsel met on this date at the home of Kenneth and Eunice Strobel. Those present were Martha Smith, Laura Follett, Ruth C. Smith, Lauriston Smith, Marjorie Doyle and Eunice Strobel.

A letter from Elton Trueblood was read concerning an applicant for the position of pastor. The clerk had already replied that the position was filled at this time.

A discussion of the Peace Tax Fund was held. This committee would act as a resource for any one wishing to participate or learn more about this fund.

Respectfully submitted
Eunice Strobel. (clerk)

January 15, 1980

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel met at the home of Eunice Strobel. Those present were Ann deHovos, Lauriston Smith, Bessie Even, Marjorie Doyle, Marion Ross, Laurel Sakoriason and Eunice Strobel.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. As this was the first meeting of the year it was scheduled as a reorganization meeting. After discussion, Eunice Strobel was asked to be clerk for this year.

Members expressed appreciation for a special feeling in meeting lately. Laurel Sakoriason was thanked for her part in this.

A memorial for Nellie M. Fisher was approved and sent to Monthly Meeting. It was thought that this ~~probably~~ should go to Quarterly Meeting but not to Yearly Meeting.

It was decided to hold meetings on the 2^d Tuesday of Feb., March, May, September and November.

Laurel Sakoriason reports that she will be at school three days each

week during the spring semester.
She will be available on Tuesdays.

Eunice Strobel, Clerk

February 19, 1980

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel met at the home of Eunice Strobel. Those present were Ann de Nevers, Eve Fournier, Marion Ross, Lauriston Smith, Bessie Ewen, Martha Smith and Eunice Strobel. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Most of the discussion was on ways of managing the Chain of Prayer on March 29-30 so that as many people as possible could be included. It was decided to send out a letter to ^{each family who is a} members of the meeting, parents of Sunday School children, attenders, and interested people. Also former pastors and their families would receive letters. Ann de Nevers will write the letter and Eve Fournier will type it. ~~and~~ The Ladies Aid will stuff the envelopes getting ready to mail them on February 29th. There will be a meeting of this committee following worship March 9th. It will be ~~suggested~~ ^{recommended} to

Monthly Meeting that the meeting for business be held on March 23^d and a covered dish luncheon to follow worship on March 30th.

It is hoped that as each person finishes meditation for the Chain of Prayer he/she will call the next person on the telephone so that a true feeling of contact can be maintained with those who can not come to the meeting house.

Marion Ross and Ruth C. Smith will be contact people for making out the schedule and the schedule will be posted on the bulletin board at the meeting house.

Meeting ended with a period of silence.

Erinice Strobel

Clerk

Addendum: The State of Society Report was made out and will be forwarded to Monthly Meeting.
It follows:

State of Society Report - 1979

We report that our average attendance for the year is lower than before. Our feelings of love and respect remain constant. The emotional warmth is comforting to those who attend regularly and is felt by visitors.

We continued to participate in the Chain of Prayer sponsored by Friends United Meeting and it has contributed to the prayer life of the meeting.

After three years Michael Miladin and his family have moved to Ohio and Laurel Sakarason serves our meeting as pastor. She and her family have brought their own special light to our community.

Committees continue to work smoothly to fulfill their responsibilities.

Bunice Strobel, clerk
for the Committee on
Ministry and Counsel

March 9, 1980

A meeting of this committee was held following meeting for worship. Plans are progressing for chain of Prayer. Members who are in Florida will be contacted by letter. There was no other business.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk.

July 7, 1980

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The following members of the Committee were present: Ann deNevers, Martha Smith, Lauriston Smith, Bessie Ewen, Eve Fournier and Eunice Strobel.

Reports on the Chain of Prayer were very positive. Members and attenders responded to the Chain of Prayer earlier and were more willing to make a commitment. The telephone contact between worshipers as they finished and called the next person was appreciated by those who participated.

Discussion was held on the first year of Laurel Sakariason's ministry. It was mentioned that she has done much visiting of shut-ins and others. The Committee appointed Eunice Strobel and Bessie Ewen to meet with Laurel Sakariason and ask her to remain for another year. The Finance Comm. recommends a 12% increase in salary plus \$1300 towards utilities.

Ministry and Counsel would like Laurel to know that she can call a Committee Mtg. whenever there is a problem.

The following statement was approved to be sent to Yrly Mtg Chris. Educ. and Ministry + Counsel committees in answer to their request concerning the working paper on

Children:

"Do children in pastoral and non-pastoral meetings have the opportunity to learn Quaker principles

(1) by participating in meetings for worship

(2) through the example of adult Friends, and

(3) through a study program within a Sunday School?"

The feeling was expressed that the membership rolls of the meeting need to be examined both for removing and adding names so that it more clearly reflects the true membership. A list of people who might be interested in learning more about Quakerism and who have shown an interest in our meeting follows:

Kathy and Al Boisvert

Bob Burak

Rhoda Mowry

Yvonne and Tim Carter

Elsie Lemieux

Jim + Chris Fisher

Meredith Beaubien

Lois + Harold Hartley

Nancy Ashe

Edna Pratt

The Sakariason family

This concern will be considered further on Sept. 9th.

A letter from Beth Penine asking
to be married under the care of the
meeting is referred to Monthly Meeting
on July 27th.

Eunice Strobel
clerk

Sept. 15, 1980

Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was held at Eunice Strobel's home. The minutes were read & approved.

It was decided to hold an open meeting on membership in the Society of Friends on October 9th. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner and a letter to members and attenders will be sent out. (See minutes of preceding M. & C. meeting).

Louis and Clarabelle Maustaller will be asked to attend to answer questions on how to join the Society of Friends. All members are also urged to be there for the same purpose.

It was suggested that the name of Marjorie Smith Black be added to the list of possible members.

Eunice Strobel
Clerk

October 9, 1980

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel sponsored an open meeting on membership in the Society of Friends. We met in the downstairs room of the meeting house.

Louis and Charbel Marsteller, the Field Secretary and the Administrative Secretary of the Yearly Meeting, attended and we were pleased at the number of people who showed an interest in this program. There were approximately 30 people there and many of them participated in the discussion.

There should be a feeling of welcome to all attenders but some responsibility should be felt by members to ask non-members to join the Society of Friends. All present thought there should be no pressure to do so.

The method of becoming a member is outlined in Faith and Practice. One way is to write to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel asking to be a member.

The meeting ended about 9:30 with people still full of enthusiasm for the subject and still talking among themselves. Further meetings for the discussion of Quakerism were suggested. These meetings could include any people unable to attend on Oct. 9th.

Erinice Strobel, clerk

Oct. 23, 1980

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel met at 4 o'clock at the parsonage.

The new queries (proposed) for Ministry and Counsel were read.

The minutes of the last committee meeting were read and approved.

The report of the membership meeting on Oct. 9th was read and approved as written in this book.

It was suggested that we have 25 copies of the new proposed Queries and 12 copies of the new proposed Queries of Ministry and Counsel ~~to~~ made to be distributed to members and attenders.

A letter from Robert Burak was read requesting membership in the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends. This letter was received with gratitude. Lauriston and Ruth Smith will visit with Robert Burak. The clerk of Ministry and Counsel will then forward the recommendation to Monthly Meeting. The clerk is also asked to write a letter to Robert Burak acknowledging receipt of his letter and telling him who will be visiting him.

A further meeting on membership in the Society of Friends will be held on Jan 7th

1981 To be preceded by a covered dish supper. Martha Smith will write a letter to those who attended the Oct. 9th meeting and those who expressed an interest but could not attend to thank them for their interest and tell them of these further plans.

Eunice Strobel resigned as clerk of this committee and Martha Smith will ^{be} acting clerk until the end of the year.

Lauriston Smith brought forward a concern about the use of candles at the front of the meeting. Some members feel they are inappropriate unless tied in with the service for that particular day, such as Christmas. Laurel Sakariason and others expressed willingness to go along with this concern.

Eunice Strobel, clerk

the 1st of March 1844
at 10 o'clock AM
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the
subject of the 1st of March 1844
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration
and that I am sorry to hear that the result will not be in your favor
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

December 15, 1950

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel met at 4 p.m. in the Meeting House. Those present were Eve Jounier, Eunice Strobel, Laurel Sakariason, Laureston Smith and Martha Smith.

Query #2 on Pectoral Cane was read.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan the follow-up meeting for Membership to be held on January 7th, 1951. Letters will be sent on December 26th to members and interested persons. Laureston Smith will stuff the envelopes and mail them. Eve Jounier and Laurel Sakariason will head the Committee to oversee the covered dish supper. Eunice Strobel and another who

she will ask will follow up
the letters with phone calls

Eve Jonsson volunteered to
print the Inquiries on large
sheets to be put up on the
wall at the January 7th
meeting for all to read.
Martha Smith was asked to
send for pamphlets to be on
display

~~Since~~ Ruth Smith has been
ill and unable to visit Robert
Burak since his request for
membership, therefore Eunice
Strabel will visit with him
to try and answer any questions
he might have.

Martha Smith
Acting Clerk

State of Society Report for 1950

The Meeting continues to function in a way meaningful to our members.

We have made an effort to expand our membership with two meetings on Quakerism for members and seekers. It has helped the members to explore the deeper meaning of Quakerism within themselves.

We rejoice in a new member who has joined his wife in our membership and have welcomed their three children as junior members.

In spite of decreased membership we continue to cover the 24 hour Chain of Prayer.

State of Kentucky
for 1870

The Kentucky Conference to
function in a way becoming
due to our members.

We have made our effort
to expand our membership
with this meeting in Louisville
for members and leaders. It
has helped the members to
expand the deeper meaning of
Christianity with their
theology.

We rejoice in a new member
who has joined his wife in
our membership and have not
counted their three children as
former members.

We hope of increased members.
We hope to have to cover the
24 hours of prayer.

The Ladies Aid Society is
active and vital in support
of outreach programs inclu-
ding campships to H. C.

China Camp. Other committees
function as necessity de-
mands.

Novella Smith

Acting Clerk

Ministry and Counsel

The London Bird Society is
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